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WAKAMA INCIDENT PROTEST

Rio de Janeiro, To-day.

IT IS LEARNED that Brazil has sent a Note to the Governments of the other American nations protesting against the pursuit of the German steamer **Wakama** inside the 300-mile neutrality zone.

The **Wakama** scuttled herself on sighting a British warship.

SPEARHEAD OF NEXT BLITZKRIEG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Major-General Sir Ernest Winton, well-known military writer, in a broadcast yesterday stated that huge and heavily armoured tanks, carrying flame throwers as well as guns, are at present being produced by the Germans and will form the spearhead of their blitzkrieg.

He also stated that special tank divisions are at present being formed similar to those which participated in the advances in Austria and Czechoslovakia—Havas.

The fact that the **Wakama** was not sunk by the pursuing British warship will not, in the opinion of Foreign Office officials here, make any difference.

They declare the **Wakama** was within the area specified by the Pan-American Conference as the "safety zone" when aircraft from the warship flew over her and demanded her surrender, in violation of the precepts laid down.

The **Wakama** was stopped when 70 miles from Rio and about 12 hours after she had left the port.

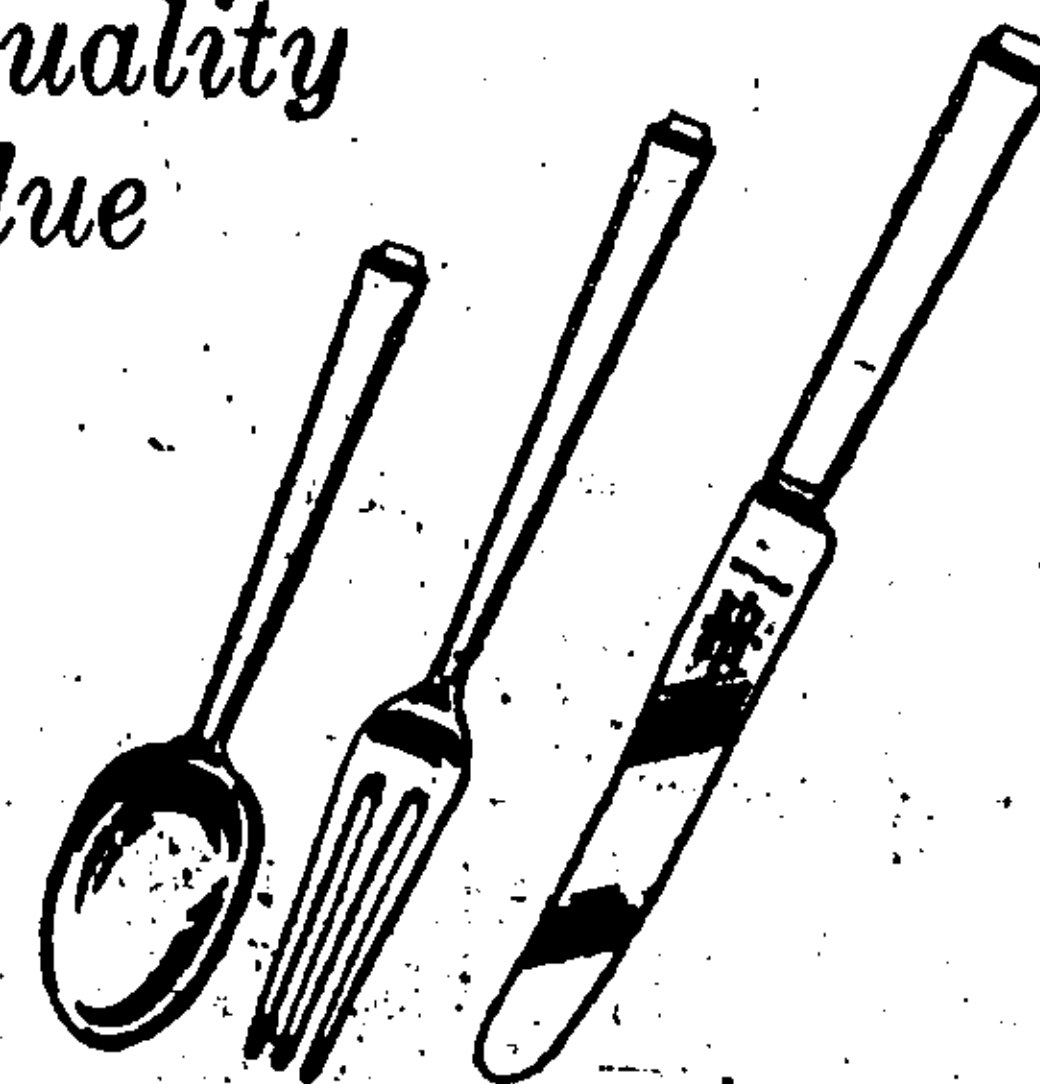
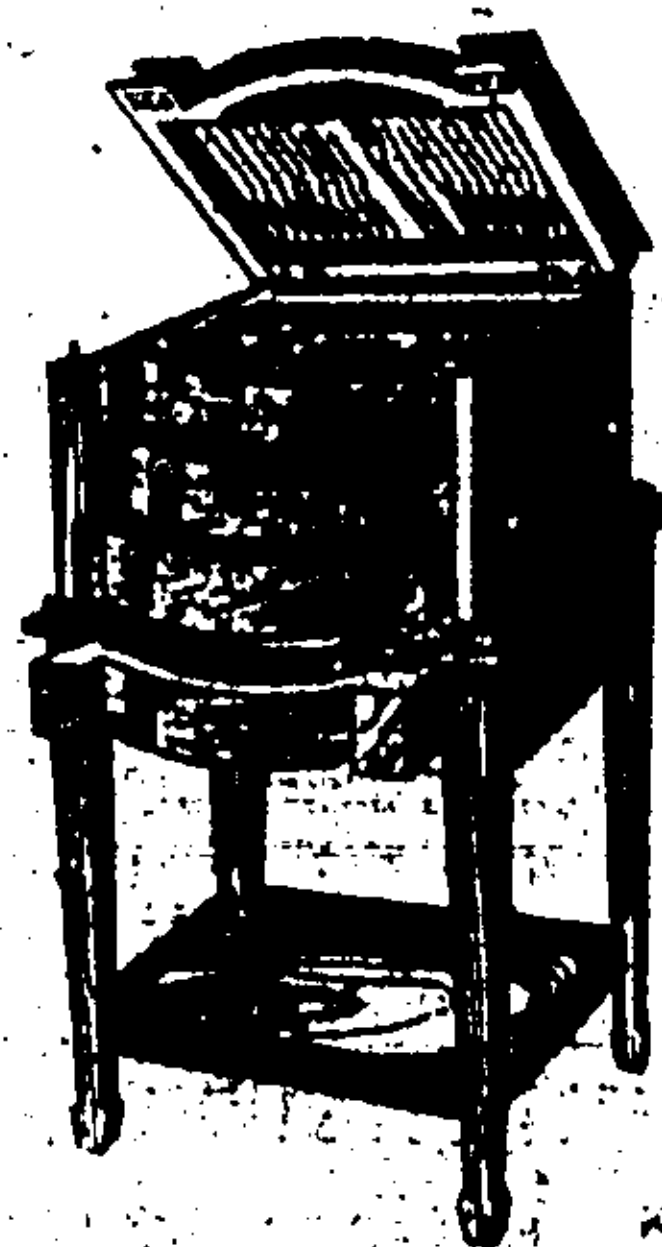
The apparent foolhardiness of the Nazi captain in leaving only four hours before H.M.S. **Hawkins** was scheduled to arrive is commented on freely here.

Maritime officials point out that the arrival of the British cruiser had already been announced in the press, and that the two ships might have met at the harbour entrance itself if **Hawkins** had only been two or three hours ahead of schedule.—*Reuter*.

THE FROZEN SEA—This picture was taken during the great freeze up and heavy weather experienced and which began last month—the coldest snap Britain has had since 1894. Photo shows the amazing scene at Margate where during the freeze up a good distance of the sea was frozen. Here are soldiers viewing the remarkable spectacle. (Air Mail).

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LUXEMBOURG MAY RAISE AN ARMY

Within the past few months the question of creating a small defence force for Luxembourg has been raised.

One proposal, sponsored by Prince Felix, husband of the Grand Duchess, envisages the formation of an army of 7,000 or 8,000 men whose function it would be to destroy frontier bridges and to render roads impassable in the event of a threatened invasion of Luxembourg.

The object the Prince had in mind was to check the invading force for a time sufficient to allow friendly forces to come to the aid of Luxembourg.

It was his firm opinion that such a scheme would give a good chance to friendly forces to occupy the major portion of the Grand Duchy before a hostile army could cross the frontier in force.

Mainly as a result of political objections the scheme was not proceeded with.

TALK WITH PRESIDENT

Apparently the opponents to the scheme pin their faith for the future security of Luxembourg on the excellent impression left in the United States by Prince Felix when he represented the Grand Duchy at the New York Exhibition, and on the hope of American intervention in the case of invasion.

Following conversations with Prince Felix, President Roosevelt is stated to have given assurances that he would never lose sight of the fact that the Grand Duchy, in the case of a European conflagration, might be in need of help.

Responsible opinion, however, is inclined to doubt whether American protection could be applied if Luxembourg continues to limit herself to a policy of unarmed neutrality, a policy which can only be favourable to a power disposed to violate her territory.

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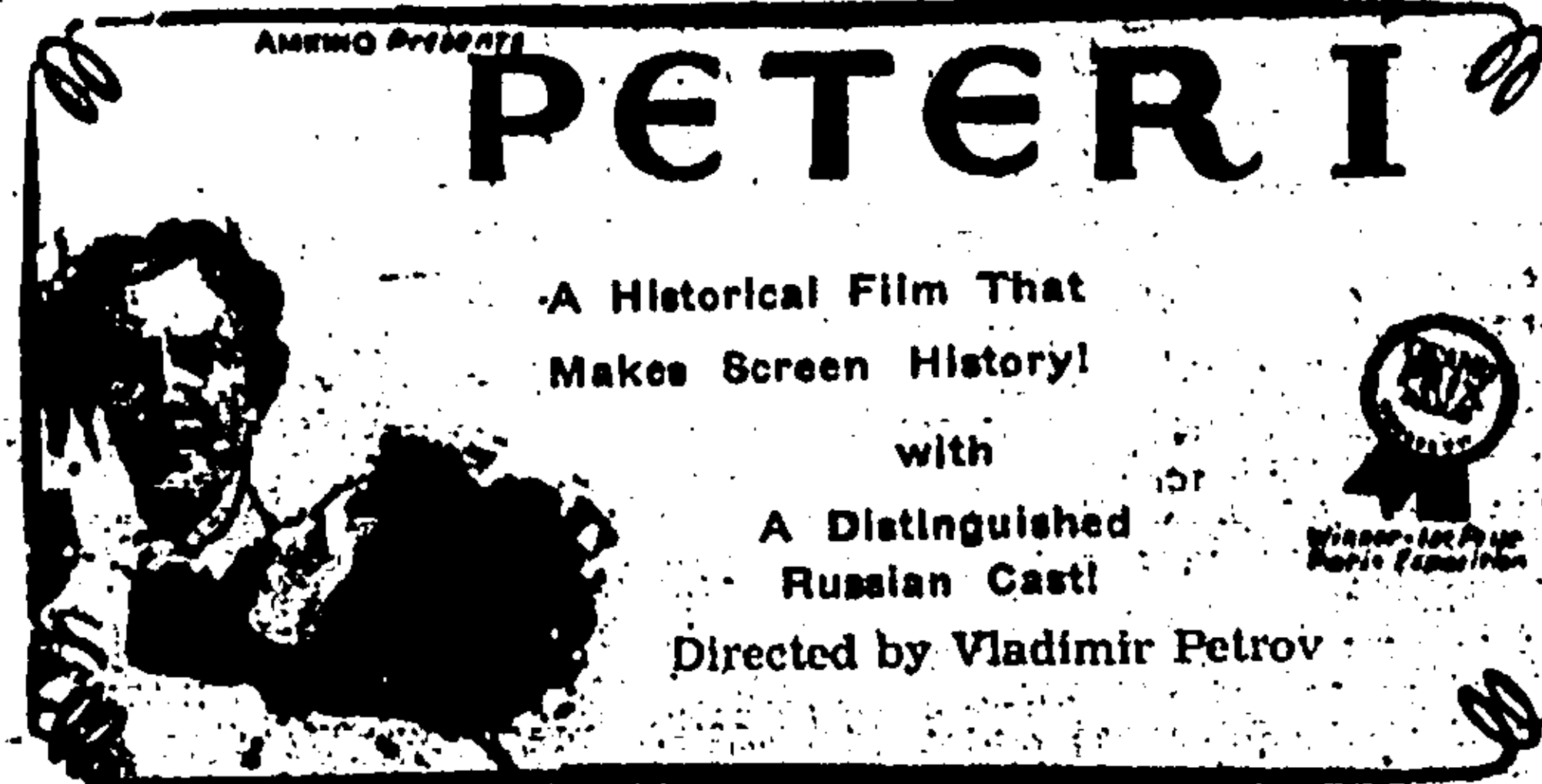
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R.A.F. OFFICER'S DRAMATIC RESCUE

The survivors of the Imperial Airways liner that made a forced landing on the sea near Sicily on December 21 owe their lives to the seamanship of the captain and crew of a small sailing ship, the Giuseppe Padre.

The full story is now available from the report of a Royal Air Force Wing Commander who was one of the rescued. When the captain of the aircraft realised that he was in trouble, he circled round the ship several times, firing Verey lights, and as the result of brilliant manoeuvring, came down on the sea 200 yards ahead of her. Passengers and crew climbed out of the cabin on to the wings, but weather conditions were bad for rescue work. There was a high wind and mountainous seas, and before a small boat from the schooner could reach them, the whole party were swept off the plane, which settled down by the head. The boat had great difficulty in reaching the people struggling in the water, but picked up three who had drifted apart and was then loaded to capacity, so that its chances of regaining the ship were precarious.

SKIPPER'S SKILL

As dusk was falling, the remainder of the survivors tried to keep together

R.A.F. HONOUR DEAD GERMAN AIRMAN

With full R.A.F. honours, the funeral of the German airman whose body was washed ashore on the Norfolk coast, took place at Sheringham cemetery. He was believed to have been a member of the crew of the Heinkel machine which crashed into the sea off Sheringham.

The coffin, draped with a large Swastika flag, with an escort of 10 R.A.F. sergeants walking alongside, was carried on a tender drawn by an R.A.F. lorry. Behind it walked officers and men of the R.A.F.

A brass plate on the coffin was inscribed, "This body is believed to be that of Oberleutenant W. Wodtke, late of the German armed forces, and who died at Sheringham."

Airmen with arms reversed formed a guard of honour at the entrance to the cemetery. The burial service was conducted by an Army padre.

After the coffin had been lowered into the grave the airmen fired three volleys over it. While Last Post was sounded the firing party and other airmen at the graveside fixed bayonets and presented arms, while officers saluted.

A Flanders poppy cross was placed on the coffin by a member of the Sheringham British Legion.

BIRTH EXPECTED IN ITALIAN ROYAL FAMILY

According to a Havas message from Naples, the Crown Princess of Piedmont is expecting a third child shortly.

so that their combined shouts would help to direct the rescue party. In the meantime, the ship had made considerable leeway, and her skipper, Captain Romano, got her under way again to bring her nearer. The Giuseppe Padre is an old and unwieldy ship and not capable of sailing near the wind, but in a series of short tacks, her skipper brought her back to the scene of the disaster, where the survivors of the aircraft, rapidly becoming weaker, were drifting apart.

"Eventually, I realised that the Giuseppe Padre had achieved the almost impossible," continues the Wing Commander's report, "and that her next tack would bring her within hailing distance of us. Some idea of sea conditions may be gained from my very vivid recollections of looking down on the deck one moment and the next of being able to see nothing of her except the topsail. Somehow or other, the Captain got his ship near enough for me to catch a lifebuoy on a line and I used the very last of my strength to hold on."

WORKED LIKE SLAVES

The Wing Commander was the third and last to be rescued from the sea, in addition to the three picked up by the boat, and he had been in the water nearly three hours. He says that Captain Romano and his crew "worked like galley slaves" to get the best out of their ship, and he speaks appreciatively of the difficulties of manoeuvring such a ship under such conditions and getting it to an exact unmarked spot directly to windward in the dark.

"No men could have done more, and the wonder is, not that five were lost, but that six were saved."

The survivors were transferred to a steamer owned by the same company as the Giuseppe Padre, and landed at Malta. They cannot speak too highly of the kindness they received from the crews of both ships.

R.A.F. PLANE SINKS NAZI U-BOAT

London, To-day.
An R.A.F. plane bombed a U-boat, and possibly destroyed it, in the North Sea yesterday.—Reuter.

S'HAIR RAILWAY TO BE REOPENED

Shanghai, To-day.
The Japanese authorities here contemplate opening the Shanghai-Nanking Line to the public next month.—Our Own Correspondent.

SHANGHAI RIOTINGS

Shanghai, To-day.
Riots occurred in different parts of the International Settlement and French Concession yesterday when mobs attempted to loot rice shops.

A further increase in the price of rice was registered yesterday and it is learned that the S.M.C. and French authorities will confer this morning on the matter.—Our Own Correspondent.

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SWEDEN'S LIMITED AID

Official Communique On Request By Finland

MR. TANNER'S REQUEST FOR TWO DIVISIONS NOT ACCEDED TO

Stockholm, To-day.

SWEDEN HAS ONCE AGAIN declared that her help to Finland will be limited to the forms it has already taken and cannot be extended to military intervention.

An official communique yesterday afternoon says that on different occasions Finland has asked for the supply of various things and these requests have, on the whole, been granted.

Sweden has already taken certain measures to care for Finnish wounded and invalids and for the transfer of Swedish workmen to Finland.

During conversations in Stockholm, members of the Finnish Government have raised the question of aid by the supply of men. The latest occasion was on Wednesday, when the Finnish Foreign Minister raised the matter with the Swedish Premier, Foreign Minister and Defence Minister.

On this occasion, the question of sending Swedish troops was raised by M. Tanner. From the Swedish side, says the communique, the Finnish Minister was referred to the guiding lines laid down by the Swedish Premier in a speech on January 17 and which was generally approved.

No change in this standpoint has occurred, M. Tanner was told.

NO OBLIGATION

In this speech, the Premier pointed out that the object of collaboration between the Northern States was to ensure their neutrality and independence; there never was any question of military collaboration and there was no obligation on Sweden to go to the help of Finland.

He emphasized that although help for Finland had the sympathy of the Swedish Government, caution was necessary to avoid being drawn into the conflict.—Reuter.

RAILWAY BOMBED AGAIN

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day. The Kunming-Hanoi Railway Line was again bombed yesterday by some 30 Japanese planes. Details of damage caused are not available yet. — Our Own Correspondent.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
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OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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NAZI TERROR HITS JEWS OF STETTIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERNE, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO THE "NEUE ZUERCHER ZEITUNG" ALL JEWS IN THE CITY OF STETTIN WERE ARRESTED ON TUESDAY NIGHT BY STORM TROOPS WHO LATER ENTERED ALL JEWISH HOMES AND INFORMED JEWISH FAMILIES THAT THEY MUST PREPARE IMMEDIATELY TO BE SENT TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION.

All were forced to abandon all money, furniture and personal effects, excepting wedding rings and watches. Those possessing bank accounts and real estate were compelled to sign papers renouncing all their rights.

The same measure will shortly be put into effect in Danzig, Koenigsberg and other German cities.

Furthermore, Baron von Neurath, German "Protector" of Bohemia and Moravia, has just published an ordinance forbidding Jews from selling their businesses which will be given over to Aryans.—Havas.

CUT IN U.K. IMPORTS FROM U.S.

New York, To-day.

The United States exported to the United Kingdom goods valued at \$6,000,000 in January, compared with \$41,000,000 in January last year.

Exports to Germany declined from \$6,000,000 last January to \$3,000.

Holland took twice last January's exports and exports to Sweden increased by \$2,000,000.—Reuter.

CURIOUS MOVE IN PEIPING

Peiping, To-day.

According to a reliable report the local police authorities have received instructions to remove all traces of anti-British posters and to destroy unused stacks of the posters.

The police are also instructing Chinese shopkeepers to remove signs in the Japanese language from the shopfronts and shop windows.—Reuter.

DESTROYER WHICH SANK U-BOATS

London, To-day.

It is now learned that the British destroyer which sank two U-boats last week was H.M.S. Antelope, Lieutenant E. W. Douglas in command.—Reuter.

***Antelope is a 10-year old destroyer of the Acasta class. A vessel of 1,350 tons, she carries four 4-inch guns and is manned from Plymouth.

The vessel is manned mainly by Reservists and was commissioned at Portsmouth in July, when the Reserve Fleet was called up for service.—Reuter.

BRITAIN BUILDS M.T.B.'S FOR RUMANIA

London, To-day.

Despite the war, British shipyards are still finding time to complete foreign contracts and yesterday three motor torpedo boats for the Royal Rumanian Navy were named at Portsmouth by the wife of the Rumanian Minister and the wife of the Rumanian Naval Attache in London.—Reuter.

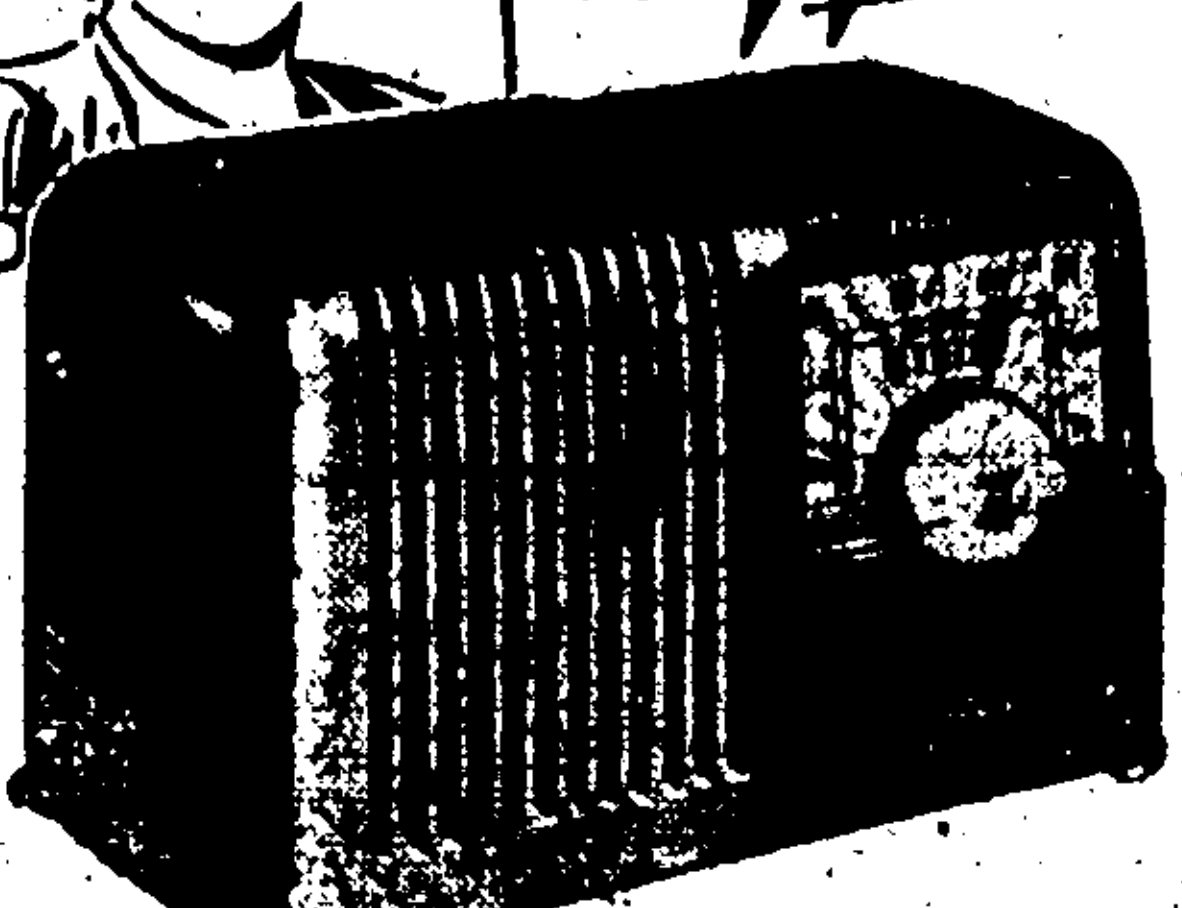
SCANDINAVIAN MINISTERS TO CONFER

Copenhagen, To-day.

It is learned that the Foreign Ministers of the Scandinavian countries are arriving in Copenhagen at the end of next week for a conference.—Reuter.



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PLYMOUTH FETES CREW OF "EXETER"

London, To-day.

The original Drake's Drum stood in the centre of the Plymouth Guildhall during the luncheon to 350 officers and men of H.M.S. Exeter yesterday.

Lord Astor, proposing the health of the ship's officers and company, said: "It is a strange thing, this spirit of the Navy."

"It is invisible, imponderable and intangible, and now we know its audacity is incredible."

"It is not guns nor is it armaments, and it is not Fleet Orders. It is something which is nursed and nourished when we find men living close together in hourly danger of their lives." — Reuter.

TETRAZZINI OUT OF DANGER

Milan, To-day.

Tetrazzini, the world-famous prima donna, who is suffering from cerebral haemorrhage, is out of danger and it is hoped she will soon make a complete recovery. — Reuter.

SUMNER WELLES TO VISIT HOLLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

It is expected that Mr. Sumner Welles, United States Under-Secretary of State, will officially visit The Hague while touring Europe. — Havas.

MINEFIELD BLOWS UP UNDER TROOPS

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French communique stated: "There was activity of our patrols. One of them suffered some losses when crossing a German minefield." — Reuter.

MR. OLIVER STANLEY AT THE FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Oliver Stanley is touring the British section of the Western Front and on Thursday inspected forward posts with Lord Gort. — Reuter.

Again Counter-Attacking RUSSIANS USE TANKS IN SOLID BLOCKS

Helsinki, To-day.

THE LATEST REPORTS from the Front indicate that the Finns have counter-attacked and retaken some advanced outposts in the centre of the Karelian front.

The Soviets are here attacking at three main points with an overwhelming array of men, tanks and guns. These are at Summa, to the west, where they have already reached the front line; Taipali, in the east; and Kyyrola, in the centre, where they are pressing towards the railway leading to Viborg.

In the Summa sector, Russian tanks have been advancing in solid blocks, 10 abreast and 7 deep!

There are no official figures of the Finnish losses, but the front pages of the Finnish newspapers are filled with the names of those who have died. — Reuter.

*** A quotation from the film "Blockade" seems apt:—"Where is the conscience of the world?"

Fierce Pressure

Helsinki, To-day.

Last night's Finnish war communique stated that on the Karelian Isthmus the Russian attack continued on Thursday.

Fierce pressure occurred between Hatjalahdenjaervi and the Vuoksi River and at Taipale.

East of the Summa sector and at a couple of points between Hatjalahdenjaervi and the Vuoksi River the enemy succeeded in penetrating into the more advanced Finnish positions.

In other sectors the enemy's attacks were repulsed. North-east of Lake Ladoga enemy attacks were repulsed.

Among the islands and on the shore the Finnish forces captured one of the enemy's positions. Enemy losses were heavy.

The destruction of isolated enemy detachments continued at Kuhmo.

AIR BATTLES

On Thursday Finnish fighter planes engaged in several successful air battles and in the course of the day Finnish planes bombed enemy encampments, railways and positions behind the lines.

Enemy air activity was constantly over the war zone and most severe on the Isthmus, where the number of Russian planes is estimated at 500.

According to verified reports the Finns shot down eight enemy planes besides which there were two doubtful cases.

It is estimated that 1,000 bombs were dropped by enemy planes; 34 civilians were killed and several dozen wounded. — Reuter.

FORGOTTEN FEUD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Jerusalem, To-day.

Forgetting their age-long feud both Arabs and Jews participated in enthusiastic manifestations of welcome to Mr. Anthony Eden, the Dominions Secretary.

Mr. Eden lunched with the British High Commissioner before returning to Egypt. — Havas.

BIG FRENCH SHIPMENTS TO FINLAND

Paris, To-day.

France has sent large shipments of artillery and planes to Finland, it was authoritatively stated last night.

The statement had the approval of French Army Headquarters.

No information is given regarding the type of artillery sent, beyond the significant fact that recent reports have spoken of 100 Soviet tanks destroyed.

Military observers are linking up the fact that 17 Soviet planes were brought down on Tuesday, and the same number on Wednesday, with the arrival of French and other foreign planes on the Finnish front. — Reuter.

RETURN OF "EXETER"

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THERE IS GENERAL GRATIFICATION IN THE PRESS THAT THE PRESENCE OF MR. CHURCHILL AND HIS SPEECH ON THURSDAY GAVE THE OCCASION OF H.M.S. EXETER'S RETURN THE DIGNITY OF OFFICIAL RECOGNITION.

Some papers recall that the German wireless announced some time ago that Exeter would not get home. The fact that she is now home will probably not be conveyed to the German public, but, as the "Daily Telegraph" says, the world will know of it and praise it duly. — Reuter.

FAMED EXPLORER OF CONGO PASSES

Brussels, To-day.

The death is reported from Ghent of Louis Valcke, who was Stanley's principal collaborator in his first great Congo explorations, notably in the crossing of the Crystal Mountains and the discovery of the Congo Cataract. — Reuter.

DR. CHESSER PASSES

London, To-day.

The death has occurred of the well-known woman doctor, Elizabeth Sloan Chesser. — Reuter.

DANISH DEMARCHE IN BERLIN

Copenhagen, To-day.

It is learned in official quarters that Denmark has made a demarche in Berlin on the torpedoing of the Maersk freighter Chastine Maersk. — Reuter.

CRY OF DESPAIR FROM FINLAND

Stockholm, To-day.

The newspaper "Aftonbladet" states that the Finnish Government has advised Sweden that Finland cannot hold out longer alone, and must either have two divisions of men from Sweden as volunteers or else must apply to the Western Powers for help.

The Swedish Prime Minister, rejecting the request for direct military aid, declared the Government had on different occasions received requests from Finland for the supply of necessities, and on the whole these requests were acceded to.

Certain measures were taken in regard to caring for wounded and invalids from Finland, in Sweden, and the transfer of civilian workmen from Sweden to Finland.

During visits to Stockholm members of the Finnish Government had raised the question of aid by the supply of men. As recently as February 13 the Finnish Foreign Minister had raised the matter but the policy of the Swedish Government, as approved by Parliament on January 17, remained unchanged. — Reuter.

SEMI-COMPULSORY LOAN APPROVED

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Lower House of the Netherlands Parliament yesterday passed unanimously a bill authorising the issue of a semi-compulsory loan of £40,000,000. The bill has already been passed by the Second Chamber. — Reuter.

REPUBLICAN NAT'L CONVENTION

Washington, To-day.

The National Committee of the Republican Party has decided to hold the National Convention on June 24, when the Party's candidate for the Presidency will be chosen. — Reuter.

UNRESTRICTED U-BOAT WAR ON NEUTRAL SHIPS

"How Long Are Neutrals Going To Stand It?"

SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES' ANGER GROWS

London, To-day.

THE NAZI INTENSIFICATION of the U-boat war against neutral ships has driven the Norwegian and Danish press to ask how long the neutrals are going to stand it?

The United States, according to American advices, is to ask Berlin exactly what it means in its recent announcement of policy as regards the torpedoing of neutral ships and how it is to be applied.

NORWAY'S THREE PROTESTS

Oslo, To-day.

It is officially announced that Norway has made three protests in Berlin recently against the sinking of Norwegian vessels, and reserved the right to claim damages for loss of life and property.

Meanwhile, the Norwegian Seamen's Associations are threatening to call on their members to refuse to sail in ships carrying cargoes to "that belligerent nation which has as its proud aim the murder of defenceless sailors."

The Associations have presented a joint resolution to the Foreign Minister strongly protesting against the present form of sea warfare and declaring that several recent cases in which Norwegian ships were sunk by German submarines are contrary to international law and all feelings of humanity.

The resolution asks the Norwegian administration to remember the war against the Norwegian Mercantile Marine when the new trade agreements are to be concluded, and to obtain guarantees to ensure that seamen will not be exposed to the present form of warfare, which is contrary to international law.—Reuter.

NO PEACE WITH JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Mr. Li Yu-ying, President of the Peiping National Academy and Chinese delegate to the League of Nations, arrived here yesterday after a three months' stay in Paris.

In a statement, he said: "There will be no compromise or peace settlement with Japan until China is completely victorious." — Havas.

UNDER DIRECT ORDERS OF HITLER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

German submarines acting under direct orders from Hitler and the German Admiralty will shortly launch an unrestricted submarine campaign against merchant vessels.—Havas.

It is now clear that the torpedoing of the Netherlands ship *Burgerdijk* last week was in accordance with this policy, and to-day the 1,000-ton Norwegian steamer *Bisp* is overdue and presumed lost.

The fact that the *Bisp* is missing has led the Conservative Norwegian newspaper "Aftenposten" to demand that whatever rights the belligerents now accord to neutrals should be clearly stated. The paper asks:—

"Are we allowed to get coal from England and coal and oil from America? Are we allowed to sail between neutral countries? If not, what are we allowed to do, and under what conditions? We are a nation living on the principle of trade with Germany as well, but this collaboration presupposes give and take. The almost daily sinkings of Norwegian ships cannot possibly continue."

SUICIDE

This attitude is endorsed by the Danish newspaper "National-tidende," which says that for Germany to lay down the conditions for maritime trade by this declaration means that it is suicide, for the conditions are impossible to fulfil.

While in Italy, the "Corriere della Sera" rejects Germany's claim that she has become Mistress of the Seas. The paper comments:—"In spite of German sneers, Britain controls the seas." — Reuter.

Interesting Situation

London, To-day.

The Russians in the Summa sector are confronted, says Reuter's military correspondent, with a phase of battle where the situation may still be entirely in the favour of the defenders.

A delaying action will be fought while the Russian batteries are brought forward. These batteries must be linked to their munition points, while petrol and food supplies will be difficult to establish.

This is the moment in every great battle when a brisk counter-attack by the defenders is of the utmost value, but it seems doubtful whether the Finns, after the desperate fighting in the last fortnight, have enough fresh troops in reserve for this purpose.—Reuter.

VON PAPEN MAY GO TO ROME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Press reports state that Herr von Papen, now German Ambassador in Ankara, may replace Herr von Mackensen as Ambassador to Rome. The departure of Herr Mackensen was possibly due to complications arising out of the recent repatriation of Germans in Southern Tyrol.—Havas.

FIFTY KILLED IN BLIZZARD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

At least 50 were killed and several hundred injured in the terrific snowstorm which swept New York and the Atlantic coast on Thursday.

Damaged property amounted into millions of dollars. Thirty thousand men were employed to clean the streets after the storm had abated.—Havas.

TANKER OVERDUE

London, To-day.

The tanker *Crescofield* (839 tons) is 14 days overdue and is presumed lost.

Two Finnish ships bound for Britain with timber have been captured by the Germans and confiscated, according to an announcement by Helsinki Radio.—Reuter.

MINERS' LEADER DEAD

London, To-day.

Robert Smillie, veteran Miners' leader, died yesterday.—Reuter.

NAZIS STILL TRY TO JUSTIFY SINKING

Berlin, To-day.

The torpedoing of the Dutch steamer *Burgerdijk* is held to have been perfectly legitimate, in a statement issued to the foreign press by the official Nazi news agency.

The statement says the sinking of the ship followed the carrying out of the regular prize law procedure.

It declares the term contraband applies where there is a hostile destination and alleged that the destination in the ship's papers is not decisive.

A cargo destined for neutral use can be disqualified if it is exposed to enemy attack in a belligerent's harbour.

It makes no difference whether the ship entered the British control harbour voluntarily or under British compulsion.

The statement adds that the danger to neutrals is solely the result of British regulations and neutrals' obedience to them. Neutrals must learn from this case, it concludes.—Reuter.

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Belgium and Holland defences. Sweden prepares for unprovoked attack. King Carol of Rumania warns Russia against attack.

NORTHERN FRONT

Fires in Viipuri (Finland) caused by heavy Soviet artillery bombardment. Finland's white-clad defenders put a stubborn resistance to Red Onslaught. Soviet prisoners of war.

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PACIFIC POLICY

A settlement—or even the carrying on of negotiations looking to a settlement—with Russia is highly desirable for Japan right now; a bad settlement well might be preferable to unsettlement. Every step in the direction of Russian-Japanese accord is a cause for worry for the western democracies, the United States in particular when the United States is working or is being worked into the position of leadership in the drive for restoration of order in the Far East. The trend of current events in this part of the world is in the direction of increasing responsibilities for Uncle Sam, responsibilities in connection with which the situation as to the trade treaty is both cause and effect.

No forward thinker who uses two eyes in connection with his thinking can fail to connect the increase of the U.S. naval forces in the Pacific and the increase of U.S. responsibilities in the Western Pacific.

The course of events in connection with the British-Japanese dispute in the Asama Maru case gives emphasis to the American task.

A vastly complicated set of forces and factors shapes Pacific developments contrary to the traditional and the natural American sentiment as to avoidance of international involvements particularly this far from home. This shaping of events—contrary to American sentiment and counter to American planning—contains the explanation of the most recent criticism of the Roosevelt policy from isolationists, also explains the increasing support of that same Roosevelt policy from the school of forward thinkers who maintain that America cannot escape major responsibilities growing out of the current world chaos, Far Eastern chaos in particular.—"Manila Bulletin."

SUPPOSE

But suppose we made peace now? How do we know that when his strength was renewed and our preparations were dissipated, Hitler would not launch his *Blitzkrieg* out of a clear sky, and crush us before we could start? What guarantees have we? This is a simple question, but none of the political odds and ends in our own country who want us to make peace now have ever suggested a convincing answer.

It is not that I overlook what this war may mean. I am no warmonger. I have spent a lifetime struggling to help make a better life for the mass of our people—to achieve for them a

sense of security at work and at home, to get them a place in the sun, to build better homes for them, better schools for their children. Do you think that I take lightly a horrible state of affairs in which much of this constructive work must stop, and our energies be devoted to nothing more inspiring than preventing our achievements from being bombed to fragments? No; I can take no pleasure in the thought of war: I am in no danger of overlooking what it may mean. But I do not overlook certain other things either. I know that the Nazi regime is, as it always has been, a poisonous growth, a wholly evil thing. A leopard of this kind cannot change its spots; it must dominate, or die. And what would happen if it did dominate, and if the threat of military defeat, which was drawing very near to us last summer, became a realised fact? The answer is that

a victorious Nazi Germany insists upon setting up, in its conquered territories, governments of its own kidney.

Think of it, you people of our cities and towns and villages—government by uniform; government by the rubber truncheon, the gun and the concentration camp; every newspaper a mere megaphone for some gutter-press Goebbels of our own; Parliament abolished, or made a mockery; political opinion and trade union organisation suppressed; our legal system, with its time-honoured safeguards for individual right, turned into one more instrument of brutality; every child a potential spy upon its own parents; police agents listening in every club, in every teashop, in every household; the free life of the mind, and every lovely thing for which men have striven and struggled, crushed under the jackboot of Adolf Hitler's Gauleiter. — Mr. Herbert Morrison, M. P.

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AMERICA'S SYMPATHY

During the last war great deal of help was given by Americans for the sick and wounded both of the British and French Armies. To-day, the desire to help is, I think, stronger. Throughout the length and breadth of the United States there is a very deep feeling that the British Empire and France are, in a sense, fighting and making great sacrifices for those things which America holds most dear, a Democratic form of government, freedom of thought and liberty of conscience. The American Red Cross is still busy bringing help to the stricken Poles, and large sums have been raised to help them in Rumania and Hungary. Nevertheless millions of our (American) citizens are bound by very special ties of sympathy and relationship to Britain. Many of them come over here for part of the year; others during years of active business life, have made England their permanent home. To thousands more, the coast of Scotland and the eastern shores of England, where survivors of torpedo and mine disasters are brought ashore, are at or near places from which their forebears came, and they want to bring

help to just those people to whom they are bound by, perhaps, closer ties than sympathy alone. There is an eagerness in America to help Britain, and it has found expression in a representative American committee which has been formed in New York with Mr. Winthrop W. Aldrich, one of America's leading financiers, as its president. It is a very strong group,

THE GREAT OYSTER

This column starts itself to-day by simply quoting one of the first Press Association dispatches about the new Minister of Information:

"One of Sir John Reith's first actions was to refuse to see reporters or to make any comment on his appointment."

What's the matter with the reporters—were they unclear? Let the Great Oyster speak.—"Cassandra" in the "Daily Mirror."

which hopes to consolidate and centralise this feeling. This time no actual money will leave the United States, but the funds collected will be converted immediately into hospital supplies of various kinds for the use both of military and civilian sick and wounded. Surgical instruments, bandages, garments and other medical supplies—all these are being distributed where most needed at the direction of the American committee. I should like to stress also that this effort has absolutely no political implication. It is merely a spontaneous expression of a very sincere desire to help. The supplies sent will increase as needs increase—they will be greatly expanded to meet them, no matter how great they may be. In any event, they come to British friends with the most heartfelt good wishes of their American donors.—Bertram Cruger in "The Listener."

BELGIUM HAS BIGGEST ARMY IN HER HISTORY

3 Main Lines Of Defence: Ready If Invasion Comes

SENATOR TELLS OF PREPARATIONS

BELGIUM'S ABILITY TO resist aggression and her co-operation with Holland in the building up of a defence system were stressed to the Brussels correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph" by Senator Paul Crockaert, President of the Commission of National Defence of the Belgian Senate and Minister of National Defence in 1933.

Senator Crockaert pointed out that never before has Belgium possessed an army of its present size. To defend her lines Belgium had mobilised in full force the two military classes of her trained forces — about 650,000 men.

In addition they had at their disposal the third class of trained reservists not yet mobilised. Apart from that Belgium could call to her aid several hundreds of thousands of men, many of them youngsters.

MORE SMALL U-BOATS

Reliable information indicates that the German Admiralty is now constructing small submarines of some 150 to 200 tons displacement.

This policy, attributed to Hitler's personal orders, indicates a desire to intensify short-radius harrying tactics in the North Sea. As, however, these small submarines need about one man per 10 tons of displacement, whereas the larger craft need only about one man per 20 tons, they are wasteful of man-power. This is one of Germany's biggest problems.

'SLANGUAGE' OF THE R.A.F.

THE AIR FORCE VOCABULARY OF SLANG EVOLVED IN THE LAST WAR HAS GONE INTO HISTORY. A NEW ONE IS RAPIDLY BEING INVENTED AND CODIFIED. NO LONGER DOES THE ENTERPRISING AIRMAN "WIN" A WANTED ARTICLE; HE "ORGANISES". WHEN SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED, THOSE SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN "LAID ON". IF AN AIRMAN IS "FED UP" HE IS "BROWNE OFF".

When something displeases "a poor view" is taken of it. Something badly done is "a black." A job properly completed is "buttoned up," and the correct method of doing anything is "the right drill."

A few of the expressions from Royal Flying Corps days survive and have grown dignified with years. "Ace", "stick", "hedge-hopping", "stall", "zoom", "ceiling" are not longer regarded as slang.

Some newer ones are "fan" for air-screw, formerly "the prop", "station-master" for the Commanding Officer; and "spun-in" for a bad mistake. To "pancake" an aircraft is now to "crack down on the deck." This calls for "tearing off a strip," otherwise a reprimand.

A "blonde job," surprisingly, is a young woman with fair hair.

"For our defence," said Senator Crockaert, "we can also rely implicitly on the Dutch.

"As to Belgium, she possesses three successive lines of defence. The first line, Campine-Liege-Ardennes, is divided into three sectors.

"The water sector from La Campine, with the Albert Canal.

"The bastion of the Fortress of Liege with its modern forts.

"The forest of Ardennes with its camouflaged shelters and its reliance on the Fortress of Namur.

SECOND LINE

"The second fortified line joins Antwerp to Namur. This line is partially protected by the flood areas. The third line is constituted by the three-cornered emplacement, Antwerp-Nieuport-Ostend.

"The fire power of the Belgium army is beyond comparison with 1914 or even 1918. Her troops are strikingly provided with modern armaments, the best in existence. These weapons are Belgian in conception and manufacture.

"The 120-millimetre anti-tank gun, the big 120-millimetre gun and the infantry mortar are better than those of any army in the world.

"If we are attacked we shall put up a fierce resistance, foot by foot, and this resistance will have more than one surprise in store for the aggressor.

DEFENSIVE ARMY

"In the event of a Dutch-Belgian defensive war there is one point which must not be lost sight of. Our army is solely defensive. We have no heavy tanks.

"I emphasise this point because if middle Holland is invaded we cannot go to her rescue.

"Between the Dutch Army, entrenched behind its water lines, and the Belgian Army, standing to its defence positions, there will be an unguarded corridor about 40 miles wide between Antwerp and the mouth of the Scheldt.

"An enemy coming from the east will not meet efficient resistance in this large corridor, which opens on the sea at the mouth of the Scheldt, either from Holland or Belgium.

In conclusion let me say something about the extensions made by the Belgian Army during the past three months.

ARDENNES CHASSEURS

"I take credit for having created while I was Minister of National Defence, over and above the existing regiments, the regiment of Ardennes Chasseurs.

"When the time came this regiment was expanded to two divisions, which are in the front line of some part of the Forest of Ardennes.

"This may give an idea of our military effort in the last three months, and of the military power which we have prepared for many years."

NEW BALLOON BARRAGES

The expansion of the National Balloon Barrage continues at high speed. Several new coastal barrages are in process of creation.

In spite of the stormy weather and biting cold there is no shortage of volunteers for marine work. In one week a job which required 70 men brought over 300 applications for transfer to the "Balloon Navy."

The Balloon Barrage now extends over 700 miles of land and sea.

R.A.F. M.O.'S NEW PATIENTS

R.A.F. Medical Officers in France obtain few leisure moments. They are constantly on watch to ensure the maintenance of fitness of flying personnel, and by energetic measures they have helped to keep the incidence of sickness at a satisfactorily low level.

The practice is growing for French mothers in neighbouring villages to seek the advice of the English doctors

LEAFLETS SENT TO SOLDIERS

Indignation has been expressed by soldiers of the B.E.F. at having received through the post Communist propaganda. It is stated that the leaflets are intended to create disaffection. The only effect they are likely to have is to strengthen the antipathy of soldiers to Communistic doctrine.

Another type of uninvited correspondence has been directed to fathers of evacuated children.

The burden of these letters written by householders upon whom rests the responsibility of caring for the welfare of the soldiers' children, is that they are not receiving sufficient financial assistance to enable them satisfactorily to maintain their children. This type of letter suggests that the married soldier might contribute something.

Soldiers, it is officially stated, should take no notice of these appeals.

when any of their children are ailing.

R.A.F. Medical Officers are giving willingly their spare time to act as unpaid "G. P.'s" to the French country people, who obviously appreciate their services in the absence of their own doctors.



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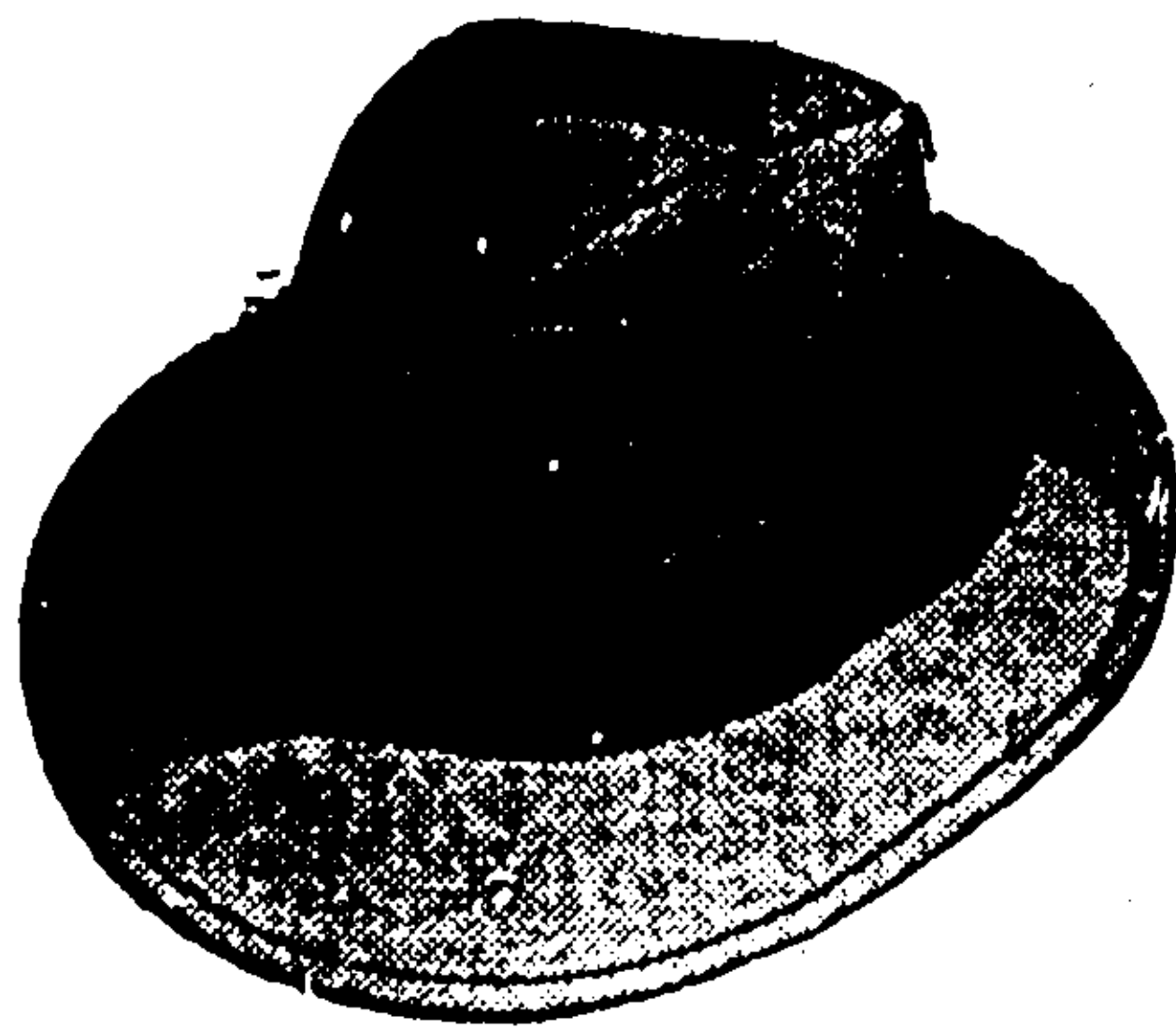
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CURE FOR VANDALISM?

Sir,—One reads from day to day, in almost endless procession, reports of what are designated as "tree vandals and thieves" and of the fines and imprisonment imposed on the culprits.

While I do not intend to try to justify or exculpate the vandals, but as a tree lover, protector, and planter I have arrived at the conclusion that the methods employed are wrong and not a deterrent, and as a remedy submit the following suggestions.

Those convicted of tree cutting offences should be handed over to the Afforestation Department and as a measure of restitution compelled to do as much actual planting as would compensate for damage done, and at the same time afford a salutary lesson on the labour and time required to re-afforest denuded areas. Instead of a \$10.00 fine or so many weeks in gaol at the rate-payers' expense, the punishment could be assessed in terms of trees to be planted. Instead of a \$5.00 fine, substitute the planting of 50 trees.

No extra regular police or forest guards will be needed for control, but the much abused "Peace Preservation" members about whom we have heard so much of late could be employed for the purpose. Such action will be some return on the public money expended on uniforms, truncheons, &c., &c.

Nor am I convinced that the Government is entirely excusable. It is difficult to understand, why Government did not exercise control over supplies and prices when firewood was almost unprocurable except to those whose pockets were well-lined. Such a measure may become necessary even yet, but taken at the proper time would have conserved stocks and obviated what amounted to almost a Monopoly, as well as preventing the pillage and pilfering of fuel from planted areas.

Cooked foods are as much a necessity for the poor as for the rich, and it is not too much to say that it is obligatory on a paternal Government to consider all aspects of the welfare of its meanest and poorest subjects.

The Home Government is spending Millions for the poor in controlling prices of necessities as well as seeing that all share proportionately.

Why not Communal Kitchens as much as Latrines, Bathhouses, Dispensaries, &c., &c., &c.?

PINE TREE.

GUAM PROJECT AGAIN REJECTED

Washington, To-day.

The House of Representatives yesterday tentatively rejected the United States Navy's proposal for harbour improvements to make Guam a naval "look-out post."—Reuter.

The House of Representatives passed the \$996,772,000 Navy Appropriation Bill, eliminating the Guam proposal.—Reuter.

LONDON SHARE MART

London, To-day.

Week-end considerations restrained activity on the Stock Exchange yesterday and consequently the market was quietly irregular.

Industrials were fairly steady; gilt-edged securities and home rails

CEASELESS FALLS OF SNOW

Brussels, To-day.

Snow has been falling ceaselessly for two days in Berlin, according to a report received from the correspondent of the Belga news agency in the Nazi capital.

In the streets of Berlin pedestrians have to walk between two ramparts of snow.

It is the first time that such a sight has been witnessed in the capital.

The closing of a great number of administrative offices, certain cinemas, and theatres and all clubs, is expected on account of the fuel shortage.—Reuter.

RAILWAY DISRUPTION

PEIPING, TO-DAY.

IN A STATEMENT YESTERDAY ON THE RECENT DISRUPTION OF THE PEIPING-HANKOW RAILWAY THROUGH THE DESTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY BRIDGE TO THE SOUTH OF PAOTINGFU, THE JAPANESE SPOKESMAN DENIED THIS WAS DUE TO GUERRILLA ACTIVITY.

He stated the accident was due to overweight locomotives on the line.

It is known locally that the railway has been interrupted since February 6, running only as far as Paotingfu from Peiping, and it was previously reported that this was due to guerilla activity.

Traffic on the railway south of Paotingfu is reported to have been resumed yesterday.—Reuter.

ALLIED TRADE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED THAT EFFECT SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE CONCLUSIONS RECENTLY REACHED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE AND THE FRENCH MINISTER OF COMMERCE FOR PROMOTING THE FAVOURABLE DEVELOPMENT OF FRANCO-BRITISH TRADE.

The understanding reached will mean a considerable relaxation of the prohibition measures imposed at the outbreak of war.

In Paris it is announced that the new agreement will come into force on March 3.

Representatives of French and British industry and commerce will hold a conference at the beginning of March to discuss in what conditions the new agreement can be carried out, in order to remove obstacles to the development of the export trade of the two countries.—Reuter.

were very easy, while Kaffirs were firm on small Cape support. Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

Bringing Up Father



By George McManu

READY GUIDE TO SALARIES TAX

The importance of the changes between the Salaries Tax proposed by the War Revenue Committee and the assessments which would have become due under the original proposals of the Income Tax Bill, is shown in the comparative figures below:

BACHELORS

Original Assessment

No tax on incomes below \$175 per month.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
\$200	\$18
\$250	\$45
\$300	\$72
\$400	\$126
\$500	\$210

increasing thereafter at the rate of \$108 tax per annum for each \$100 of monthly earned income, up to \$1,250 monthly, and \$120 thereafter.

Committee's Proposals

Any income below \$400 a month non-taxable.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
\$450	\$96
\$500	\$120
\$550	\$144
\$600	\$168

Liability to payment at 10 per cent. does not arise until the income is over \$8,000 per annum.

MARRIED (NO CHILD)

Original Assessment

No tax on incomes below \$300 per month.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
\$320	\$15
\$350	\$28
\$400	\$58
\$500	\$112
\$600	\$183

increasing thereafter at the rate of \$108 tax per annum for each \$100 of monthly earned income and pro rata, up to \$1,250 monthly, and at the rate of \$120 for each \$100 in excess of \$1,250.

Committee's Proposals

No Tax on incomes below \$5,000 annually.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
\$500	\$40
\$550	\$64
\$600	\$88
\$650	\$112
\$700	\$136
\$1,000	\$400

rising at the rate of \$120 per annum for each additional \$100 of monthly income.

MARRIED (ONE CHILD)

Original Assessment

No tax on incomes below \$400 per month.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
\$400	\$8
\$500	\$62
\$600	\$108
\$700	\$191

increasing at the rate of \$108 per annum tax for each \$100 of monthly earned income, etc.

Income of \$1,500 monthly, \$1,025 per annum.

SULTANS OFFER TO EMPIRE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE SULTANS OF THE FOUR FEDERATED MALAY STATES HAVE EXPRESSED THE UNANIMOUS WISH TO GIVE £1,000,000 TO HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AND A RESOLUTION TO THIS EFFECT WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT WEEK IN THE FEDERAL COUNCIL.

They have given many practicable proofs of their loyalty and this latest proof has been received in Britain with profound gratitude. Nine months ago, they made a gift of £500,000 to Britain and there have been many others before them.

In 1914, they presented H.M.S. Malaya, a battleship which is still in commission. Later, they gave £2,000,000 towards the cost of the Singapore Base and in 1937 they gave £410,000 for the purchase of Service aircraft.

All these gifts are in addition to large sums spent for local defence in Malaya.—Reuter.

Committee's Proposals

No Tax on incomes below \$500 a month.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
\$550	\$24
\$600	\$48
\$700	\$96
\$1000	\$300

rising thereafter at the rate of \$120 annual tax for each \$100 of monthly income.

MARRIED (TWO CHILDREN)

Original Assessment

No tax on incomes below \$450 per month.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
\$450	\$5
\$500	\$32
\$600	\$86
\$700	\$140
\$800	\$239

increasing at the rate of \$108 per annum tax for each \$100 of monthly earned income, etc.

Tax on income of \$1,500 monthly, \$1,025 per annum.

Committee's Proposals

No tax on incomes below \$600 monthly.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
\$650	\$32
\$700	\$56
\$750	\$80
\$800	\$104
\$1,000	\$200
\$1,200	\$440

MARRIED (THREE CHILDREN)

Original Assessment

No tax on incomes below \$500 per month.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
\$550	\$29
\$600	\$56
\$650	\$83
\$700	\$110
\$800	\$179

Tax on \$1,500 a month, \$985 per annum.

Committee's Proposals

No Tax on incomes below \$650 monthly.

Monthly Income	Annual Tax
\$700	\$16
\$750	\$40
\$800	\$64
\$1,000	\$160
\$1,100	\$220
\$1,200	\$340

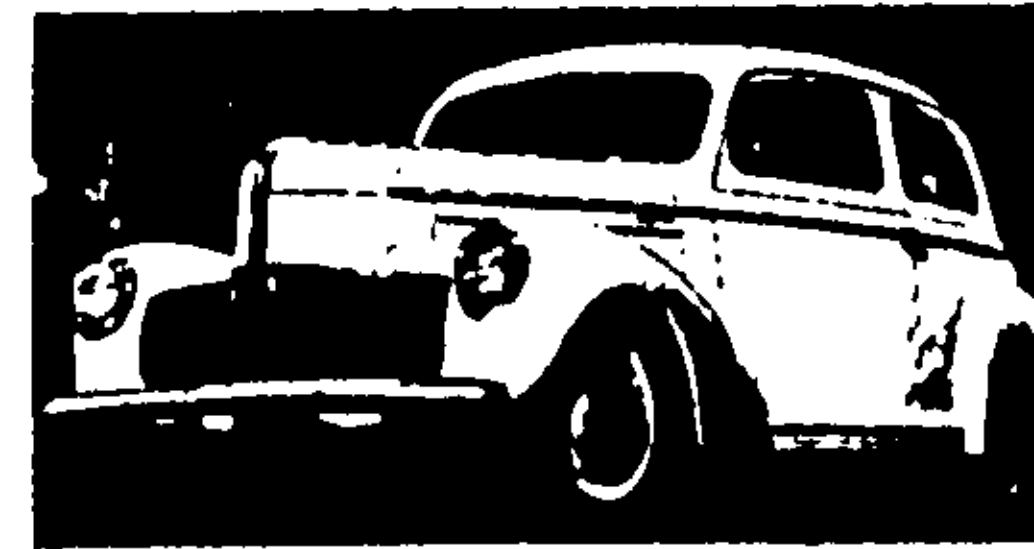
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SUNDAY		
Amoy		Feb. 18, 9.00 a.m.
MONDAY		
Canton		Feb. 19, 7.15 a.m.
Dalren		Feb. 19, 9.30 a.m.
Japan		Feb. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong		Feb. 19, 1.00 p.m.
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Shanghai (Parcels only)		Feb. 19, 2.30 p.m.
Canton		Feb. 19, 7.00 p.m.
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Shanghai		Feb. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Canton		Feb. 20, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan		Feb. 20, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong		Feb. 20, 2.00 p.m.
Shanghai		Feb. 20, 2.30 p.m.
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	G.P.O. Reg.,	Feb. 20, 5.00 p.m.
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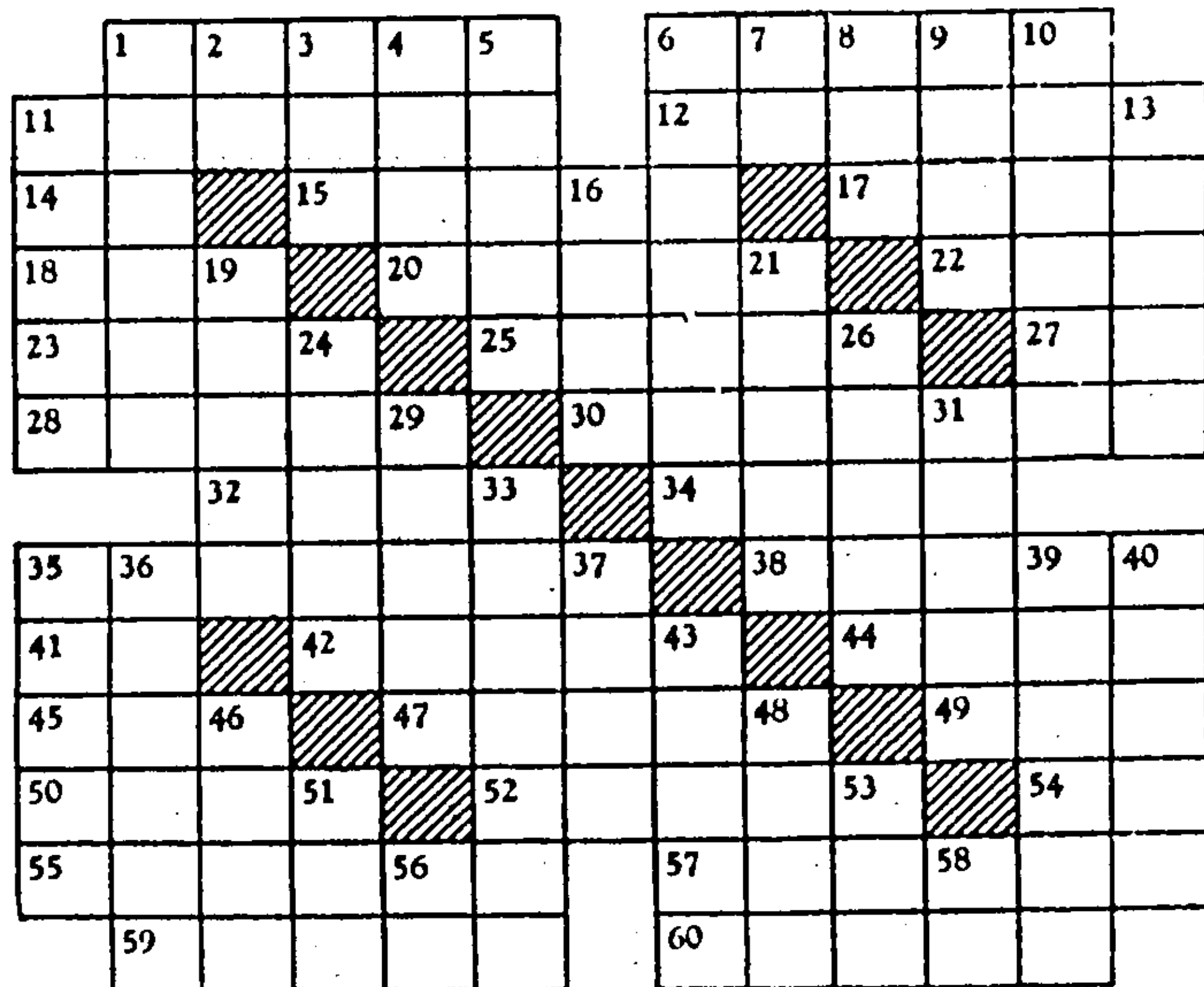
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 27 Type unit
 28 Flower clusters
 30 Ages
 32 Days before
 34 To chant
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 38 Counts
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 42 Pertaining to country
 44 To percolate
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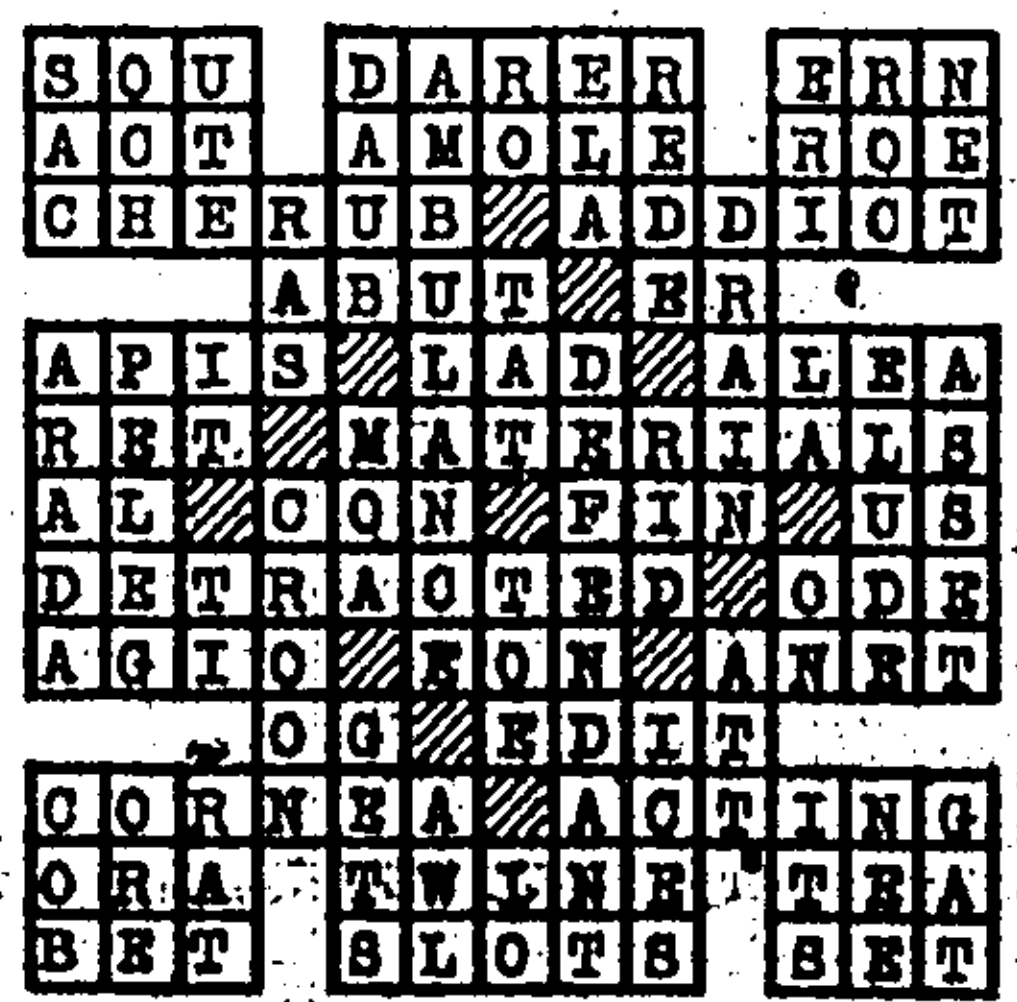
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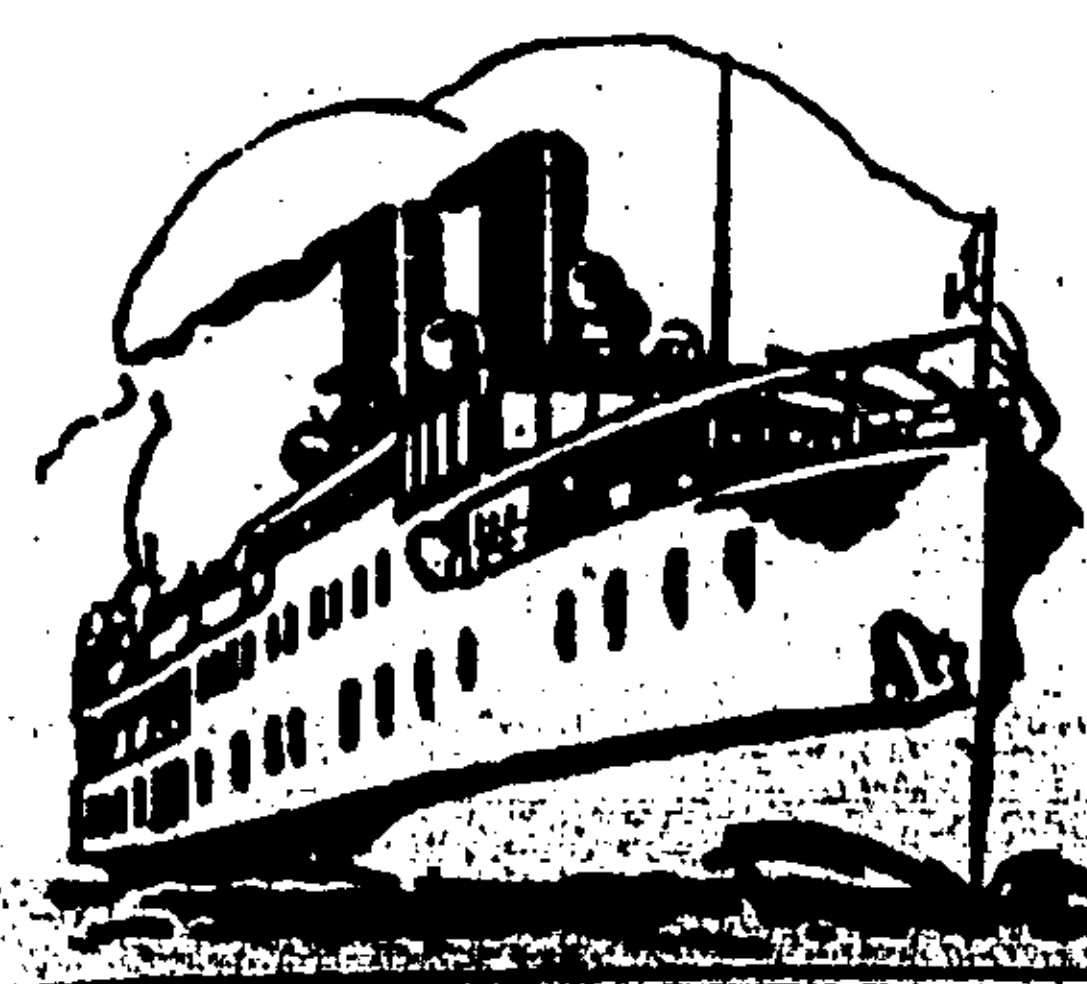
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Friday, 16th February, 1940.

ORDERLY MEDICAL OFFICER

Friday, 23rd February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Lieut. E. W. Stout.

1ST ARTILLERY CAMP

Wednesday, 21st February. The following units will proceed to camp.

1st Battery—D'Aguilar.

3rd Battery—Aberdeen.

5th A. A. Bty—Shek-O.

PARADES

Corps Artillery 1ST BATTERY

Monday, 19th February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. All members (B. C. Staff, Gun Detachments, L. G. Section and D.E.L. Section). Detail final arrangements for camp and draw gas-masks and rifles and other equipment. Dress—Mufti.

Wednesday, 21st February. H. Q. 4.00 p.m. Parade for camp. The Battery will be inspected and points allotted for Governor's Trophy. Dress—Jackets, trousers, S. D. caps, boots, webbing belts, braces, pouches, haversacks, waterbottles, gas-masks and rifles. Overcoats to be carried.

The following articles of uniform &c will be carried in kit bags:—Spare jackets, trousers, shorts, khaki shirts, puttees, overalls and gunplatform shoes. Material for cleaning buttons and boots should be carried as well as washing and shaving gear and personal garments. Kit bags &c to be at H. Q. (suitably labelled) by 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 21st to be conveyed in advance to the Battery position.

2ND BATTERY

Monday, 19th February. 5.30 p.m. Scandal Point. N.C.O.'s only. Gun drill.

Tuesday, 20th February. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. Right Sec., No. 2 Gun. Gun and Battery drill.

Wednesday, 21st February. Scandal

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Point. 5.30 p.m. Left Sec. No. 1 Gun. Gun and Battery drill.

Thursday, 22nd February. (i) Right Sec., No. 1 Gun. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. Gun and Battery drill. (ii) A.A.L.M.G. Class, D.E.L. and Gun Detachments details. H. Q. 5.30 p.m.

Friday, 23rd February. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. Left Sec., No. 2 Gun. Gun and Battery drill.

D.R.F. DETACHMENT

Each night as already detailed.

DRESS FOR ALL PARADES

Overalls and S. D. caps.

CORPS ARTILLERY

3rd Battery

Monday, 19th February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Battery parade for issue of respirators and kit for camp. Dress—Mufti.

Wednesday, 21st February. H. Q. for camp. (i) Those detailed for advance party under Bdr. Guilgum. 10 a.m. (ii) Remainder of Battery. 3.00 p.m.

The Battery will be inspected and points allotted for Governor's Trophy. Dress—K. D. jackets, trousers, S. D. caps, boots, webbing belt, braces, pouches, frog, respirators, haversack and water-bottle. Overcoats to be carried.

The following articles of uniform etc. will be carried in kit bags:—Spare jackets, trousers, shorts, khaki shirts, puttees, overalls and gun platform shoes. Material for cleaning buttons and boots should be carried as well as washing and shaving gear and personal garments.

Kit bags of all ranks will go out to camp with the Advance Party and must be at H. Q. (suitably labelled) before 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 21st February.

4TH BATTERY

Tuesday, 20th February. D.E.L. School, Queen's Road. 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. personnel as detailed and recruits.

Thursday, 22nd February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. All members short of kit and equipment, also all recruits not yet enrolled.

Friday, 23rd February. Queen's Pier. 5.30 p.m. All members.

DRESS.—Overalls, S.D. caps, gun platform shoes, waterbottles filled. Haversack rations will be provided.

5TH A.A. BATTERY

Wednesday, 21st February. H. Q. for camp. 2.30 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections. Dress—Jackets, trousers, S.D. caps and boots.

The following articles will be carried in kit bags:—Spare jackets, trousers, shorts, khaki shirts, puttees, overalls and G. P. shoes. Cleaning, washing and shaving gear, and personal items of clothing. Kit bags properly labelled, must be at H. Q. before 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 21st February to be conveyed to the Battery position. Warm sweaters and greatcoats to be brought. Those not in possession of service greatcoats may bring civilian over coats. Steel helmets may be carried or attached to kit bags.

FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Monday, 19th February. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Squad drill.

Thursday, 22nd February. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Technical training by Sections.

CORPS SIGNALS

Monday, 19th February. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. A Class, reading tests. B Class, procedure. R. A. Telephonists' Class, final instruction.

Friday, 23rd February. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. Miniature Range. Empire Tests.



Don Ameche, as the inventor of the telephone, and Loretta Young as the lovely girl who inspired him, in "The Story of Alexander Graham Bell," now showing at the King's Theatre. Henry Fonda is also billed in this Cosmopolitan production for 20th Century-Fox.

Rifles will be drawn from Company Stores for Sunday 25th.

All Respirators must be returned to Stores.

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Respirators

Anti-gas respirators will be returned to Unit Store on or before Friday, 23rd February.

RANGE PRACTICE

All ranks are reminded that Tables "A" and "B" will be fired at Kowloon City Range on Sunday 25th February. C.Q.M.S. Butler will arrange for drawing of Stores etc.

COMMAND

2nd Lieut. W. Stoker assumes the duties of O. 1/c M.M.G. Platoon vice Captain J. R. Way on leave.

ARMOURD CAR PLATOON

Monday, 19th February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. A Class, L. G. instruction. B Class, Revolver instruction.

Friday, 23rd February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. A and B Classes. Revolver course. All ranks who have not passed their Revolver course this season will attend.

MOTOR MACHINE GUN PLATOON

Friday, 23rd February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s.

NO. 1 COMPANY

Tuesday, 20th February. No parade. Friday, 23rd February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Squad. E. G. D. Remainder as Company programme.

Sunday, 25th February. Stonecutters. Part II A.M.G.C. All those who have not already fired. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 8.30 a.m. Kowloon Pier. 8.40 a.m. Dress—Mufti, but equipment must be worn when firing. Range Officer—Lieut. L. B. Holmes.

NO. 2 COMPANY

Thursday, 22nd February. (i) Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. (ii) No. 6 Platoon. Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. M. G. and L. G. training.

All rifles, bayonets and respirators still on issue must be returned without further delay.

NO. 3 COMPANY

Sunday, 18th February. H. Q. 8.30 a.m. Those detailed, for Peak Range. Thursday, 22nd February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. as Company training programme.

NO. 4 COMPANY

Friday, 23rd February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. L. G. instruction. Lesson 9.

NO. 7 COMPANY

Sunday, 18th February. Kowloon City Range. 8.45 a.m. Rifle Classification Table A. Lewis Gun Firing Practice Table D. Dress—Optional. Equipment must be carried. Range Officer. Captain F. W. Focken.

Monday, 19th February. H. Q. 5.45 p.m. L. G. immediate action. Thursday, 22nd February. H. Q. 5.45 p.m. L. G. probable stoppages.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY Sunday, 18th February. Stonecutters Range. Rifle Classification. Dress—Mufti, overalls will be carried. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Police Pier, Kowloon at 8.45 a.m.

Tuesday, 20th February. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. N.C.O.'s drill. 5.45 p.m. Officers and N.C.O.'s lecture.

Thursday, 22nd February. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Rifle instruction. Dress—Overalls, S. D. caps.

FIELD AMBULANCE

Friday, 23rd February. St. Paul's College. 5.30 p.m. Lecture.

PAY SECTION

Friday, 23rd February. As detailed.

PROMOTIONS

3368, Bdr. J. L. C. Pearce. 5th A. A. Bty. Sgt. 16.2.40.

4187, Cpl. M. N. Rakusen, Pay Section, Sgt. 16.2.40.

LEAVE

2773, B.Q.M.S. A. W. T. White, 3rd Battery, 31.12.39.—31.3.40.

4191, Gnr. W. L. Yang, 5th A. A. Bty. 13.2.40.—11.3.40.

Capt. J. R. Way, M. M. G. Pl. 17.2.40.—17.9.40.

The following leave is cancelled.

1747, Cpl. T. R. Ingram, Armd. C. Pl. 13.2.40.—4.3.40.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

1995, Pte. L. O. Agabeg, No. 6 Company Res. 12.7.39.

1310, Pte. L. G. Morales, No. 6 Company Res. 27.10.39.

2805, Pte. F. A. Waller, No. 3 Company. 10.11.39.

2100 Sgt. J. Skinner, Fd. Ambulance, 10.1.40.

2830, Pte. F. V. Franco, No. 6 Company, 18.1.40.

2672, Gnr. J. Hunter, 2nd Battery, 29.1.40.

2772, Pte. H. White, No. 1 Coy. Res. 5.2.40.

2530, Pte. G. A. Waller, No. 3 Company, 7.2.40.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

4289, Sgmn. T. Davis, Fort. Sig. Coy. 28.12.39.

4290, Pte. J. S. Joyce, Stanley Pl. 7.2.40.

4291, Pte. H. Merriman, Stanley Pl. 7.2.40.

4292, Gnr. K. Chan, 4th Bty. 14.2.40.

4293, Gnr. S. L. Chan, 4th Bty. 14.2.40.

4294, Gnr. F. T. Chung, 4th Bty. 14.2.40.

CORPS ORDERS-AMENDMENT

Corps Orders No. 8/40. of the 26/1/40. Para. 11. Strength-Increase.

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Corps Orders No. 18/40. of the 10/2/40. Para. 7. Transfer. For "Pau Ping Kwan" to read "Lau Ping Kwan".

E. N. Thursby

Captain,

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"Y" Ladies meet C.B.S. and have been forced to make several changes in their line-up, particularly in the defence, where Mrs. Trimmer will partner Mrs. Strange to allow Mrs. Stone to take the left half position.

Mrs. G. Moss, formerly Miss Tonge, will be seen on left wing in place of Miss Buchanan, who is on the injured list.

In the Brawn Cup competition Argonauts should consolidate their position at the top of the table at the expense of Central British Association.

Following is to-day's Ladies' hockey programme and some of the teams:—



CAER CLARK CUP
St. Andrew's v Recreio
(C.B.A., 3.00 p.m.)
H.K. Ladies v C.B.A.
(Valley, 3.15 p.m.)
"Y" Ladies v C.B.S.
(Valley, 4.15 p.m.)

BRAWN CUP
Recreio v D.Q.S.
(Recreio, 3.00 p.m.)
"Y" Ladies v C.B.S.
(Valley, 3.00 p.m.)
C.B.A. v Argonauts
(C.B.A., 4.15 p.m.)

TEAMS
Recreio:—Miss Z. Barros; Miss O. Botelho and Miss M. Xavier; Miss M. Botelho, Mrs. L. Silva and Mrs. N. Remedios; Miss B. Remedios; Miss M. Roza, Mrs. C. Rodrigues, Miss A. Alves and Miss C. Remedios.
C.B.A.:—Miss D. Moss; Mrs. M. Wilmott and Mrs. M. White; Miss P. Everest, Miss B. Parsons and Miss A. Smith; Miss D. Squires, Miss P. Whitley, Miss I. Woolley, Mrs. M. Quick and Miss E. Lihovetsky.

St. Andrew's:—Miss J. Hall; Miss G. White and Miss M. da Roza; Mrs. West-Schalburg, Miss J. Wong and Miss B. Greaves; Miss F. Wong, Miss M. Churn, Mrs. P. Bliss, Miss H. Reid and Miss S. Roberts.

H.K. Ladies:—Miss S. Baskett; Mrs. Lunson and Miss Green; Miss J. Booker, Miss Swan and Miss Gordon-Smith; Miss Marr, Mrs. Skinner, Miss M. Booker, Miss N. Quinn and Miss M. Smalley.

"Y" Ladies:—Miss Minool; Mrs. Trimmer and Mrs. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Mrs. Stone; Mrs. O. Burnett, Miss Harker, Miss D. McCaw, Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Moss.

Juniors
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Recreio:—Miss C. Silva; Mrs. B. Castro and Miss M. Ribeiro; Miss G. Jorge, Miss N. Osmund and Miss M. Silva; Miss L. Rodrigues, Miss M. Figuerido, Miss M. Campos, Miss N. Gonsalves and Miss I. Rosario.

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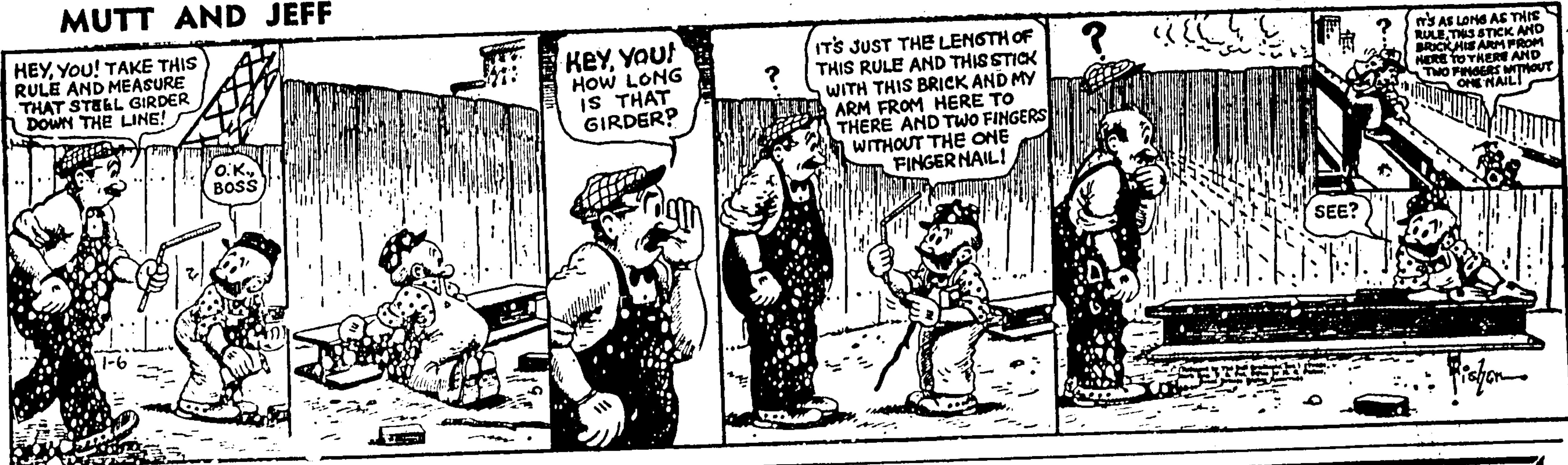
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Dance of the Icicles (Suite 'The Woe of the Snowflakes'—Kennedy Russell); The Frolicsome Hare (Ashworth Hope); Leslie Jeffries & His Orchestra.
Salut D'Amour (Elgar—arr. Phillips); Van Phillips Quartet.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.
My Prayer (Kennedy-Boulanger); If I Didn't Care (Lawrence); Only When You're in My Arms (film 'The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle').
1.13 p.m.—Jack Harris and His

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Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Nice Work If You Can Get It (film 'Damsel in Distress'); Foggy Day In London (film 'Damsel in Distress').
Rumba—Say 'Si, Si'.
Fox-Trot—Blossoms on Broadway (from the film); Sailing Home.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Variety with The Street Singer, Derekson & Brown, The Carlyle Cousins and Debroy Somers Band.
Vocal—When The Poppies Bloom Again (Pelosi & Others); South Sea Island Magic (Tomerlin, Long) The Street

Singer with Instrumental Accompaniment.
Orch. & Vocal—The Big Broadcast—Selection.... Debroy Somers Band with the Carlyle Cousins and Dan Donovan.
Vocal & Piano—You Oughta Be In Pictures (Heyman & Suesse); One Morning In May (Parish & Carmichael).... Derekson & Brown.
Vocal—Love Me Forever (from 'On Wings of Song').... The Street Singer with Instrumental Accompaniment.
Vocal—America Calling—Selection The Carlyle Cousins with Quaglin's Quartet.
2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
6.00 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 3 in E Flat Major, Op. 55 ('Tröika'). Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Plantation Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Male Quartet.
My Old Kentucky Home (Foster); Old Folks at Home (Foster); Massa's In De Cold, Cold Ground (Foster); Old Black Joe (Foster).... with Piano accomp. by Frank La Forge and Banjo by Ralph Colicchio.
7.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—'The Old Contemptibles' Part I. The record of the British Expeditionary Force from Mons to Ypres, between August and November, 1914.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—A Request Variety and Dance Programme.
Violin & Vocal—An Old Violin (Taylor & Fisher); Looking for You (Taylor & Sanderson) Albert Sandler (Violin) and Olive Groves (Soprano) with Jean Melville at the Piano.
Orch. — 'Firefly'—Selection (Friml & Others).... Louis Levy & His Gaumont-British Symphony with Vocal Refrain.
Vocal—Wee Willie Winkie (Robertson).... Boyd Steven (Soprano) with Piano.
Orch.—Moonlight and Shadows (film 'Jungle Princess') Anson Weeks & His Orchestra.
Vocal—Together Again (from 'Under Your Hat').... Cicely Courtneidge & Jack Hulbert with Orchestra; If You Want To Dance (from 'Under Your Hat').... Jack Hulbert & The Rhythm Brothers with Orchestra.
Rumba—The Lady In Red (film 'In Caliente').... Gerald & His Rumba Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
Vocal—Keep It Under Your Hat (from 'Under Your Hat').... Cicely Courtneidge, Jack Hulbert & The Rhythm Brothers with Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Ten Little Miles from Town.... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.
Comedienne—Just A Catchy Little Tune (film 'Sing as we go').... Gracie Fields with Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—The Japanese Sandman....

Joe Daniels & His Hot Shots in 'Drum-nasticks'.
Piano—Medley. Intro: Smoke gets in your eyes; Who made little Boy Blue; If I love again; Continental; Stay as sweet as you are; Sweetheart Joe, the Candy Man.... Ronald Courley.
Fox-Trot—Run, Rabbit, Run! (film 'The little dog laughed').... Harry Roy & His Orchestra.
Vocal—Ten Green Bottles (Traditional).... Harold Williams & The B.B.C. Male Chorus conducted by Joseph Lewis with Ernest Lush at the Piano.
Fox-Trot—Ride, Tenderfoot, Ride (from 'Romance & Rhythm').... Billy Cotton & His Band with Vocal Chorus.
Fox-Trot—Love Walked In (from 'Goldwyn Follies').... Jay Wilbur & His Band with Vocal Chorus by Sam Costa.
Vocal Duet—The High Brow Sailor (Flotsam & Jetsam).... Mr. Flotsam and Mr. Jetsam with Piano.
Quicksteps—Berlin Or Bust; Sweet Fanny Adams' Daughter.... Jack Payne & His Band with Vocal Chorus.
Vocal—Medley of Gus Edwards' Song Hits (from the film 'The Star Maker').... Bing Crosby assisted by the Music Mals.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—Puccini's 'Madame Butterfly' Intermezzo & Act III. Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: M. Sheridan (Soprano).... Cho-Cho-San; I. Mannarini (Mezzo-Soprano).... Suzuki, a servant; L. Cecil (Tenor).... Lieut. Pinkerton, U.S.N.; V. Weinberg (Bartitone).... Sharpless, U.S. Consul; Loni (Mezzo-Soprano).... Kate Pinkerton; with Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.
10.05 p.m.—Schubert—Rosamunde—Ballet Music.
Berlin State Opera Orchestra conducted by Robert Heger.
10.18 p.m.—Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.
Rondino (On a theme by Beethoven—Kreisler); Fair Rosemary (Kreisler); A May Breeze ('Songs without words'—Mendelssohn).
10.30 p.m.—London Relay—Variety with Ronald Frankau and Others.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay — 'London Log'.
11.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Somebody's Thinking of You To-night; Picture Me In Paradise.... Jack Harris & His Orchestra.
Tangos—Cabeçita; La Ultima Cancion.... Heinz Huppertz & His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—After All These Years; Silver Sails on Moonlit Waters.... Jack Wilson & His Versatile Five.
Swing Fox-Trot—Back Bay Shuffle; Jungle Drums.... Artie Shaw & His Orchestra.
Waltzes—Rehearsing A Lullaby; Rains and Almonds.... Phil Green & His Rhythm.
Swing Fox-Trot—Goose Pimples; Trum-pology.... Frankie Trumbauer & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Begone.... Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.
12.00 midnight.—CLOSE DOWN.

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Playing a three-notrump contract, South had decided on a definite plan of attack. But a certain discard by West caused him to change his mind in the middle of the hand.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 8 6 5
♥ K 10 7 4
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ 8 2
♠ K 9 2
♥ Q 8 3
♦ 4
♣ Q J 9 7
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♥ 9 6
♦ A 8 7 6
5 2
♣ K 3
♠ A Q 7 3
♥ A J 5 2
♦ J 10
♣ A 10 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened a club and East and West were allowed to win the first two tricks in clubs. South won the third round, observing that West had originally held six clubs. Declarer played the Jack of diamonds, which allowed to hold, then followed with the ten, on which West discarded (of all things) a club. West won the second diamond, then made the natural shift to a spade.

Now South's original idea had been to jump right in with the spade Ace and then finesse against West for the Queen of hearts. By so doing he would have his nine tricks if the heart finesse were successful. But West's club discard had

altered matters. Declarer now felt that the spade King was marked in East's hand. Thus, if the spade finesse were successful, he could afford to lose a heart trick to East (provided East held the Queen) and still make his contract.

Proceeding on this fairly sound reasoning, South finessed the Queen of spades. West pounced on it with the King, then ran off his two remaining clubs to set the contract. West's deceptive discard, which ostensibly showed no re-entry, had completely fooled South.

In yesterday's question both sides vulnerable and the opponents had 80 on score. You were the dealer. What was your correct bid, holding:

♠ A x x
♥ J x x
♦ K x x
♣ A x x x

ANSWER: Your correct bid is one club. If you pass originally and the opponents open the bidding, you cannot afford to back in.
Score 100% for one club, 50% for pass, 0 for one notrump (the hand is too weak.)

QUESTION NO. 336

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner to-day and hold:

♠ A Q x x
♥ A x x
♦ J x x
♣ J x x

The bidding:

You	Maier	Burnstone	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

A very keen and thrilling encounter took place in the Small Units' Rugby League on Wednesday between R.A.M.C. and Signals. The game was evenly contested throughout and it was rather unfortunate that Major Curran of the Medicals' team had to leave the field through an injured leg before the game was 10 minutes in progress.

The absence of this fine forward upset the balance of the Medicals' team and did much to account for their defeat by 6 points to nil. Willis opened the scoring for the Signals with a fine try just inside the dead line. The referee hesitated a few moments over his decision owing to the bad marking of the dead line but he ruled that it was just inside and a try was awarded to Signals.

Both sides exerted greater pressure after this and Lt. Coombes almost got right through with a fine burst but was brought down just in time. Minney was also putting in some good work for the Medicals but did not seem to be backed up sufficiently at the critical moments.

The Medicals were getting the ball out of the scrum far oftener than the Signals but whichever side did manage to get it out found difficulty in putting the advantage to the proper use; the Medicals through fumbling, and Signals through over-eagerness to kick instead of putting the ball back.

L/Cpl. Bedford of the Signals, who played a fine game throughout, was responsible for the second try, just managing to get onto the ball in time after a dribble over the line by the forwards.

Neither tries were converted and once again the Signals' need of a kicker was emphasised. After this try the Medicals put all they knew into it but Signals hung on grimly and managed to hold them out, although one of MacDonald's fine dashes nearly caught them napping.

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BEST for Signals were Willis, Morgan and L/Cpl. Bedford although everyone played well and they seemed the fitter team. The inexperienced must learn not to pick the ball out of the pack however. There is trouble in that direction. Medicals were best served by Minney, Lt. Coombes, Chandler, MacDonald and Wybroe. The latter got a nasty jolt during the second half but hung on grimly till the end.

As Signals won this game by 6 points to nil they combine with the 24th Bty. R.A. and the Medicals in having won one game each. R.A.S.C. have yet to play a fixture but will commence with a match against the Medicals on Sunday.

Following are results to date:—

24th Bty.	9	R. Signals	6
R.A.M.C.	3	24th Bty.	0
R.A.M.C.	0	R. Signals	6

As can be seen it is impossible to forecast a match after these results.

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THE Small Units and Large Units K.O. competition commences next month and the Small Units' combined team will enter the Large Units competition as usual. Their team has not been picked yet but they should have a very strong one. More on this later.

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ARMY should be grateful to Guy, Hossack and Moxham for upholding their prestige as footballers in the Interport games. First hand reports give these players a good report in all games Moxham has proved himself a daring and capable keeper, Guy a sturdy and intelligent defender, and Hossack a very tricky and useful forward. Congratulations to them for their fine performance.

SOCCER

Saigon Meet Federation In Last Game Of Series

IMPORTANT THIRD DIVISION TIE THIS AFTERNOON

OWING to the late arrival of the Interport Soccer team from Shanghai, two First Division games have been cancelled, while owing to the uncertainty of the sailing of the Saigon team, they will now meet the Federation to-day instead of to-morrow.

Saigon did well to beat Macao by 4 goals to 1 during the week at Macao and are hoping to give a good display this afternoon.

They will be fielding their best team and with the rest of several days should do well.

Federation will be without Lee Wai-tong but have chosen a well-balanced side. Chan Tak-fai will lead the attack and will be supported by Cheung Kam-hoi and Fung King-cheong.

A good game should be witnessed at Kowloon between Kowloon and Middlesex; the former will be without Maxwell, who is with the Interport team.

VITAL MATCH

A very important Third Division game will be played this afternoon when International and 24th R.A. clash. A win for the Gunners will practically give them the championship, while if International win they will make the League more interesting and return to the running for the title.

To-morrow, Eastern meet Police on Club ground and a good game should be witnessed. Brittain, former captain and pivot, has returned from Home leave and may turn out for Police.

PROGRAMME

Following is the football programme for the week-end:—

TO-DAY

H.K.C.A.A.F. v Saigon
(Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Omar.
Linesmen:—Kossick & Rev. Hinchliffe.

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon v Middlesex
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—Glover.

Linesman:—Phillips.

THIRD DIVISION

Service Corps v 12th R.A.
(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)

Referee:—Demmee.

Signals v Kumaona
(Chathan Rd., 2.45 p.m.)

Referee:—Edwards.

South China v Royal Scots
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Dove.

8th R.A. v Engineers
(Club, 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—Barretto.

International v 24th R.A.
(Club, 2.45 p.m.)

Referee:—Salter.

TO-MORROW

Kwong Wah v South China "B"
(Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—Kossick.

Linesmen:—Adlard and Wilson.

Eastern v Police
(Club, 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—Beard.

Linesmen:—Gibson and Fraser.
Owing to the Annual Races no matches will be played in the Valley and those concerned are requested to note the changes of grounds and time.

RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

Race No. 1.
CONFUSION BAY
EVE OF HARVEST
NAVYLIGHT
Outsider:—Red Feather.

Race No. 2.
LANCASHIRE CHIPS
DEVONIAN
CRIFFEL
Outsider:—Courtling Eve.

Race No. 3.
SPICYLIGHT
DUPONT BAY
GRETBUR
Outsider:—Ohio.

Race No. 4.
AUSTRALIAN DIAMOND
ASCOT DAY
ALBURY
Outsider:—Nancy Lee.

Race No. 5.
GALVESTON BAY
BOOLAT BAY
ROSE-QUEEN
Outsider:—Dawn Star.

Race No. 6.
A GRAND TIME
LUCKY LAD
BAFFIN BAY
Outsider:—Triumphant Day.

Race No. 7.
SATINLIGHT
MOUNT HOPE BAY
JOHNBUR
Outsider:—Burford.

Race No. 8.
VICEROY
SAPPER
CONTACT
Outsider:—Grand Allegiance.

Race No. 9.
STRATHBANNOCK
ADVANCING TIME
SYLVANALE
Outsider:—Guinness Time.

Race No. 10.
FAR VIEW
SEA JAY
SPARROW
Outsider:—Conniebor.
DAILY DOUBLE:—SATINLIGHT
AND STRATHBANNOCK.



TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Two Rugby matches are on to-day's sports programme, and both will be played at Sookunpoo, the junior game starting at 3 p.m. and the senior game at 4.15 p.m.

Police have Wall and Luscombe back in their side following injuries, and Army are giving Easterbrook, who showed promise in the Army "A" side last Saturday, a trial at full-back, while Coombe, another to impress last Saturday, will be at centre-three-quarter.

It should be a close game and Army will probably just win.

Following are the teams:

ARMY—Gunnr. Easterbrook (5th A.A.R.A.); L/Bdr. Richards (8th H.R.A.), L/Cpl. Walte (R.E.), Lieut. Coombe (R.A.M.C.), L/Cpl. Birrell (R.E.); Lieut. Douglas (R.S.), L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.); Pte. Berry (Mdx. R.), Corpl. Sutherland (R.S.), Lieut. Hewitt (Mdx. R.); 2/Lt. Millar (R.S.), 2/Lt. Cuthbertson (R.S.); 2/Lt. Pinkerton (R.S.), Corpl. Sheldrake (R.E.), Lieut. Ridsdale (R. Norfolk R.).

Reserves—Sapp. Arlingstall (R.E.), L/Sgt. Marsh (8th R.A.), Corpl. Coombe (R.S.) and L/Sgt. Brinkley (R.E.).

POLICE—Wall; Reynolds, Jackson, Wilson and Taylor; Fay and Luscombe; Wheeler, Cullinan, Searle, Rose, Innis, Wright-Nooth, Dempsey and Riddell.

At 3 p.m. Club "A" are fielding the following team against Navy "A":

CLUB "A"—H. F. Hopkins, A. N. Other, D. Hynes, T. O. Morgan, P. B. Wilson, M. G. Carruthers, R. Rutherford, R. E. Heasman, F. Burford, I. M. Macrae, L. B. M. Beattie, E. A. Bompas, W. B. Richardson, A. M. Kennedy (Captain) and W. Stoker.

NAVY "A"—Sig. Brierley; Tel. Bowden, Midshipman O'Riordan, A. B. Gordon, Sub. Lieutenant Hill; Midshipman Nicoll, St. Gallagher; L. S. A. Palmer, Lieutenant (E) Brown, P. O. Smart, Flight Lieutenant Taylor, Chief Writer King, Pay Midshipman Marshall, Supt. Eager, Midshipman Murray-Jones.

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ASHEVILLE'S BIG DEFEAT

In a 10-pin match at Hong Kong Bowling Alleys yesterday the Alley Team beat U.S.S. Asheville by 372 points.

ALLEY TEAM

J. H. Watts	188	180	177	148	157	850
H. Blount	183	167	188	173	132	843
J. R. Fawcett	190	185	146	134	123	778
J. S. Landolt	137	139	169	163	163	771

Total 3,242

U.S.S. ASHEVILLE

W. J. Balaski	182	101	146	155	184	768
W. E. Wood	156	154	167	140	141	764
M. O. Gray	136	122	133	164	117	672
C. S. Edwards	140	108	103	150	165	515

Total 2,870

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FULL CRICKET PROGRAMME

There will be three League cricket matches played this afternoon, three in either Division.

At the Valley, Civil Service will entertain Kowloon Cricket Club, present leaders in Senior Division. Civil Service, except for D. McLellan, their captain, will be at full strength but K.C.C. will be without G. C. Burnett and N. A. E. Mackay, who are unavailable. The attack, however, will be strengthened by B. D. Lay, who, if in form, is a bowler of great merit.

If K.C.C. are able to dispose of Richardson, Colledge and Perry fairly cheaply they should win.

Army are turning out a powerful team against their neighbours, Indian Recreation Club, and I shall not be surprised if they cause an upset. Driver Logan, a really good bat, will be making his first appearance for some time.

Craigengower, at full strength, should have little difficulty in beating University, whom they entertain at the Valley.

K.C.C. SHOULD WIN

In Junior Division, K.C.C., the champions, who have lost their last two games, should win against Civil Service, while Army, who have a strong batting side even without Lt. Man, should give a good account of themselves against I.R.C. University are unlikely to break their duck against Police.

Following is to-day's cricket programme and some of the teams:

"A" DIVISION

C. S. C. C.	v	K. C. C.
Army	v	I. R. C.
C. C. C.	v	University

"B" DIVISION

K. C. C.	v	C. S. C. C.
I. R. C.	v	Army
University	v	Police

FRIENDLY

H. K. C. C. 1st XI	v	Recreio 1st XI
Recreio 2nd XI	v	H. K. C. C. 2nd XI

TEAMS

H.K.C.C.—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), C. G. Aitkenhead, D. de S. Carey, D. G. Day, A. H. Finnie, J. H. Fox, M. F. L. Haymes, H. Owen Hughes, L. D. Kilbee, A. K. Mackenzie and J. L. C. Pearce.

ARMY—Capt. D. C. E. Grose (Captain), Major W. G. Harvey, Capt. D. A. Duke, Capt. P. J. T. Skipwith, Capt. J. D. Holmes, Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Webb, Cpl. Murphy, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Young and Dvr. Logan.

C.S.C.C.—B. C. K. Hawkins (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, J. Barrow, W. H. Colledge, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. J. Fenton, D. Hollidge, F. E. Lawrence, A. E. Perry, J. E. Richardson and N. Whitley.

C.C.C.—E. Zimmermann (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, A. R. H. Esmail, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, E. A. Lee, H. P. Lim, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, G. Winch and F. R. Zimmermann.

Umpire—G. Ladd; Scorer—H. W. Randall. K.C.C.—E. C. Fincher (Capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, A. Zimmermann, W. L. Rapley, D. Hung, R. E. Lee, T. A. Madar, B. D. Lay and A. N. Other.

Juniors

H.K.C.C.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, G. P. Charlton, A. T. Dow, R. D. Gillespie, H. J. D. Lowe, D. O. Parsons, H. S. W. Paterson, D. S. Robb and T. M. Sulter.

ARMY—Capt. J. F. Lawrence (Captain), Brig. T. MacLeod, Major J. E. Swyer, Major C. R. Templer, Lieut. A. W. F. Peal, Lieut. B. A. Fergus, S/Sgt. Gardner, Cpl. Blount, Cpl. Boocock, L/Bdr. Ward and Pte. Hatfield.

C.S.C.C.—H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, V. C. Bond, H. F. Harper, T. L. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, R. G. Robertson, G. P. Stone, A. F. Sheppard, R. Lawrence and A. M. J. Wright.

K.C.C.—W. Mulcahy (Capt.), F. J. Lay, G. E. Taylor, R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, G. A. Goodban, J. R. Luke, R. A. J. Simpson, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, G. A. V. Hall and C. Pope.

UNIVERSITY CRICKET ELEVENS

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong University 1st XI in a League cricket match against the Craigengower Cricket Club at Happy Valley today at 2 p.m.:—W. S. Gegg, K. S. Oh, N. C. Sen Gupta, V. Lingam, C. Hong Choy, J. Tsui, K. Y. Tam, C. N. Matthews, S. Mahmood, R. S. Gill, and T. T. Chiu.

The Hong Kong University 2nd XI in a League match against the Police at Pokfulam, today at 2 p.m. will be:—L. H. Tan, N. Singh, K. Lo, J. Fenton, N. W. Ldw. Amcerali, R. Soares, L. E. Guterres, O. V. Cheong, and H. T. Tang.

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C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 11th February, 1940,

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STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.
THE POSITION IN REGARD TO THE WHOLE QUESTION OF PRACTICAL HELP FOR FINLAND IS EXTREMELY DELICATE.

Suggestions that Finland has declared herself to be in a desperate plight are obviously not near the truth. The dogged resistance of the defenders of Summa and the small successes of the Finnish troops elsewhere show that Finland's powers are not yet exhausted, grave though her present position seems to be.

Both Finnish and Swedish official sources deprecate exaggerated reports either of Finland's dangers or her successes.

Reports of the possibility of an open appeal by Finland to the Western Powers for intervention are also regarded as unhelpful at the present moment.

Suggestions at this juncture that foreign troops might ask for passage through Sweden can only increase the difficulties of the Swedish authorities.

Should such an eventuality ever arise the actual position would doubtless be that under the terms of Article XVI of the League Covenant, Sweden would be entitled (but not bound) to give such permission.

Sweden's position in this crisis is delicate but not ambiguous. On the one hand she is firmly determined to maintain neutrality. On the other

hand the overwhelming weight of public sentiment is whole-heartedly on Finland's side.—Reuter.

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Increases in taxi fares are authorised under a new regulation gazetted.

The increases apply only to the first mile.

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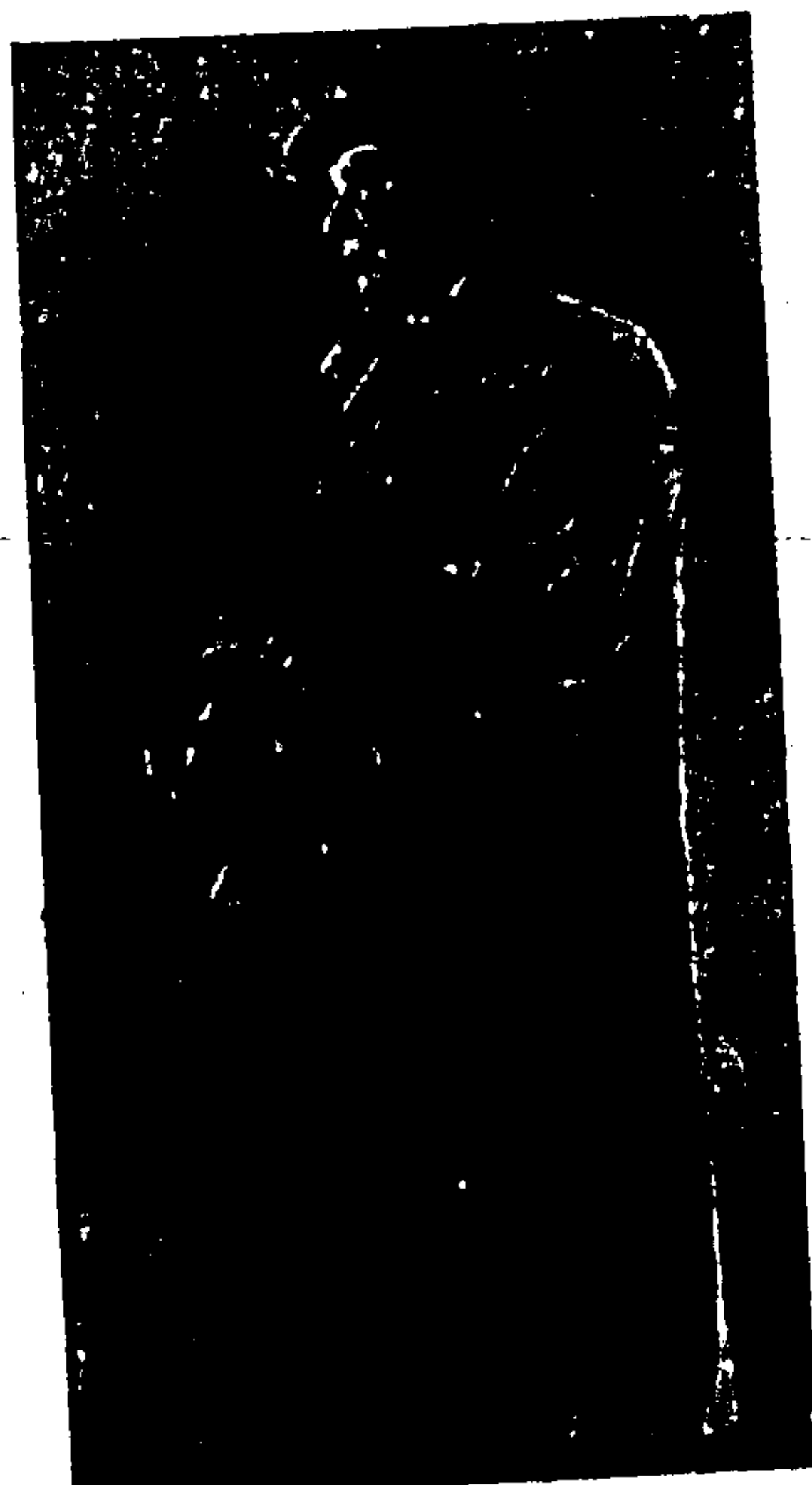
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A bomb was dropped directly ahead of the periscope and another in front of the same spot. Patches of oil and a quantity of oil bubbles appeared.

The aircraft kept the area under observation but no further trace of the submarine was seen.—Reuter.

The Colony's surplus balance at the end of November was \$17,945,275, an increase of nearly \$500,000. Revenue during the month totalled \$3,473,229 and expenditure \$2,813,823.

The "Gazette" makes regulations under a new Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) Order-in-Council which define as a protected area the whole of Hong Kong except—

(1) in the island of Hong Kong, the area bounded by Tung Lo Wan Road, Tai Hang Road, Bowen Road, Garden Road to Robinson Road to Park Road, Bonham Road, Western Street, and Connaught Road;

(2) in Kowloon, the area bounded by Chatham Road, Ma Tau Wai Road, Tam Kung Road and Prince Edward Road to the sea-front and its western extremity.

Nothing in this order shall prevent a person travelling by the Star Ferry or the Hong Kong and Yau-mat Ferry on direct routes between Hong Kong and Kowloon.

No person being an enemy alien is permitted to enter the protected area. That is to say his or her movements are restricted to the areas defined in the two exceptions above.

According to a report from the New Territories, a European soldier, stationed at Sheung-shui, Sergeant Percy Hopwood, took his own life at about 7 o'clock last night, shooting himself in the head with a Service revolver.

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